

DELAY OF FREIGHT CARS

Startling Figures Place Blame on the Shoulders of Consignees and Shippers.

AVERAGE TIME OF UNLOADING NINE DAYS

Stickney Says If Law or Any Other Power Can Reduce This Time One-Half It Will Be Equal to 1,700,000 Cars

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—President A. B. Stickney of the Chicago Great Western railroad, has submitted some interesting facts to the interstate commerce commission bearing on the delay in hauling and in loading and unloading freight cars, which he regards of importance in connection with any legislation which may be considered regarding the car shortage question. In arriving at his conclusions, Stickney bases his estimates on the entire freight capacity of the country. They are as follows:

The average distance each loaded freight car is hauled is 230 miles; the average time consumed by railroads in hauling is one day—twenty-four hours; the average time consumed by shippers and consignees in loading and unloading each car is nine days—216 hours. Stickney then makes the following comment:

"If the law, or any other power, could compel shippers to load and unload each available car in four and a half days, it would be equivalent to doubling instantaneously the effectiveness of the freight equipment of the railroads—4,000 cars, without cost to the railroads and without increasing their capitalization, while to purchase that number of new cars would cost the railroads and add to their capitalization the enormous sum of \$1,360,000,000, which, at 4 per cent, would add to their annual charges \$54,400,000, to be collected from the people."

"The movement of freight cars from point to point which is the function of the railroads, and the loading and unloading, which is the duty of the shippers, are inseparable and each must wait upon the other. As long as shippers consume nine days in loading and unloading each car, transportation will be delayed."

STANDARD OIL DID "BLOCKADE" BUSINESS

Honest Admission By Company's Witness in Missouri Ouster Hearing.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The hearings in the ouster proceedings of the Standard Oil company against the Standard Oil company, the Waters-Pierce Oil company and the Republic Oil company, which began here Tuesday, ended suddenly today. The hearing was opened here at the request of the defendant company to allow them to introduce testimony in rebuttal. The next hearing probably will be held in St. Louis. The method employed by the Standard Oil company and its subsidiary companies in Missouri was described as "the block system applied to trade," by P. C. Crenshaw, general manager of the sales department of the Standard Oil company of Indiana. He declared that in his opinion the plan adopted by the Standard was an absolute necessity to the furtherance of trade. He said he knew of no agreement between the Waters-Pierce company and the Standard Oil company of Indiana other than that already revealed. He never knew of any rebates allowed by any of the agents. "The giving of rebates was against our policy," he said.

STEAMER COMBINE IN THE NORTHLAND

Juneau Grand Jury Asks the Government to Inquire Into an Alleged Monopoly.

SEATTLE, Dec. 20.—A dispatch to the Times from Juneau, Alaska, says: Government authorities are requested to investigate charges of discrimination preferred against the transportation companies reaching southern Alaska, in a special report that has been made by the grand jury.

It is alleged that the steamship companies touching coast towns in that part of the Northland are guilty of giving unfair rebates and preferential freight rates, as well as of charging excessive prices for coal.

The report names the Pacific Coast company, the Alaska Steamship company, the Canadian and Humboldt Steamship companies.

Charges are made by the grand jury that these ship concerns have entered an illegal combination of steamship companies and that it has raised freight rates 33 per cent over what they were last year.

Philippine Laborers for Hawaii.

AUTOPSY SETTLED QUESTION OF SEX

Wife of Male Impersonator Seems to Think a Body Has Been Substituted.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 20.—On order of the district attorney, Coroner J. M. Burnett today began an inquest on the body of the person supposed to be Nicolai Deryanin. An autopsy settled beyond question that death ensued from consumption and that the corpse is that of a woman.

Other testimony was taken, but the inquest adjourned until tomorrow, when witnesses will appear who knew the dead person during the last two months and can testify that the same body lies at the undertaker's. The inquest adjourned with the understanding that the wife of Deryanin, who is doubtful of Deryanin's identity, would be asked to come to Phoenix.

It is believed that whatever deception exists must have been undertaken before Deryanin left Colorado.

California Postmasters. WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The president today nominated the following postmasters: California—W. Hayes, Colton; F. E. Ellis, Stockton; I. H. Clippinger, Huntington Beach; C. S. Loom, La. Jola.

MUTINY ON GOLD VESSEL

Steamer Pennsylvania Had a Rough Time.

With \$300,000 Treasure Aboard the Crew Was Ugly, But Quelled.

SEATTLE, Dec. 20.—Thirty of the crew of the steamship Pennsylvania mutinied on the night of December 12th and it was owing to the stern command of the master, Captain J. E. Blain, that the mutiny was quelled.

When nearing Catella, Captain Blain ordered one of the men to do a trivial piece of work. The sailor refused. Captain Blain then put him in irons and locked him below. At the time a terrible gale was blowing which made it difficult for the master and pilot to remain on the bridge.

Suddenly the crew came to the foot of the bridge in a body. There were between thirty and forty of them. The men demanded the release of their companion, Captain Blain faced them alone and ordered them back to their posts. Just at this time the pilot cried out: "Breakers ahead," and the captain returned to his bridge. The crew finally went aft.

An armed guard was placed over the \$300,000 treasure, and officers with revolvers patrolled the deck. Passengers went to the captain and offered assistance, either against the men or to aid in the operation of the vessel. The men, however, did not make any more demonstrations.

JEWS GAINED BUT LITTLE

Czar's "Concessions" Are Not Far Reaching.

Five Million Jews Must Remain in the Ghetto Without Freedom.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The report from St. Petersburg that the czar had approved the bill of the council of ministers removing "certain disabilities" of the Jews, created some excitement among the Russian Jews of New York and in the East Side coffee houses and workshops it was the chief topic of conversation yesterday.

The first reports were to the effect that "all rights" had been granted and the rejoicing caused by them ceased when it became known that the privilege to live in the country places as well as in the city places were the only "freedom" granted to their brethren at home.

Commenting on the matter, President Richard Goethel of Columbia University said:

"It is evident that the pale of settlement is not to be abolished, but the Jews are to have permission to reside in the rural districts as well as in the towns."

"Second, a number of the restrictions placed on those who had permission to live outside the pale will be removed."

"Third, in a measure the Jews will be allowed to own land, but this with numerous and well defined restrictions."

"Even if the measures I have referred to are contained in the law now promulgated, I cannot see that it will bring much light into the great Russian ghetto. The five million Jews included in that ghetto must remain there and as they have not been allowed to become agriculturists they must still remain in towns. The right to live outside the pale demands education in some higher educational institutions and membership in an artisans' guild."

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COLORADO MUST BE CLOSED

President Takes Hold of Runaway River Problem and Things Begin to Happen.

HARRIMAN ORDERED TO REPAIR BREAK

And Although California Development Co. Is Not an Espee Concern, Harriman Orders Work Done.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—President Roosevelt is exerting his efforts to have the break in the Colorado river in Mexico repaired as soon as possible by the California Development company, which he declares is responsible for it. With this end in view, he today telegraphed to E. H. Harriman at New York, relating the inability to secure action by congress, because of the adjournment for the Christmas holidays. The president told Harriman that it is incumbent upon him to close the break and that action should be taken without an hour's delay.

Harriman Will Act. Harriman replied that the Southern Pacific has no control over the California Development company, but he would authorize the Southern Pacific officials to try to repair the break, trusting to congress to take action later to assist with the burden. The president promised to make recommendations to this end.

President Roosevelt's decision followed a conference at the White House, in which Senator Flint of California, Charles D. Walcott, director of the geological survey, and Frederick Newell, chief engineer of the reclamation service, participated.

Telegram Sent to Harriman.

"E. H. Harriman: Replying to yours of the 19th, reclamation service cannot enter upon work without authority of congress and suitable convention with Mexico. Congress adjourns for holidays; impossible to secure action at present. It is incumbent on you to close break again. Question of future permanent maintenance can then be taken up. Reclamation service engineers available for consultation."

"This is all the aid that there is in the power of the government to render and it seems to me clear that it is the imperative duty of the California Development company to close this break at once. The danger is ultimately due only to the action of that company in making headways completed in October, 1904, in Mexican territory. The present crisis can at this moment only be met by the action of the company, which is ultimately responsible for it, and that action should be taken without an hour's delay."

Through the department of state, I am endeavoring to secure such action by the Mexican government as will enable congress in its turn to act. But at present congress can do nothing without such action by the Mexican government. This is a matter of such vital importance that I wish to repeat that there is not the slightest excuse for the California Development company waiting an hour for the action of the government. It is their duty to meet the present danger immediately and then this government will take up with it, as it has already taken up with Mexico, the question of providing against recurrence of the danger. (Signed)

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT"

Harriman's Reply. To the President, Washington: Replying to your telegram this date, you seem to be under the impression the California Development company is a Southern Pacific enterprise. This is erroneous. It had nothing to do with its work or the opening of the canal. We are not interested in its stock, and in no way control it. We have lent it some money to assist in dealing with the situation.

"What the Southern Pacific has done was for the protection of the settlers as well as of its trucks, but we have determined to move the tracks into higher ground, any way."

However, in view of your message, I am giving authority to the Southern Pacific officials in the West to proceed at once with efforts to repair the break, and if the government, as soon as you can procure the necessary congressional legislation will assist us with the burden.

"F. H. HARRIMAN."

The president's answer to Harriman follows:

"Am delighted to receive your telegram. Have at once directed the reclamation service to get into touch with you so that as soon as congress reassembles I can recommend legislation which will provide against a repetition of the disaster and make provision for the equitable distribution of the burden."

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT"

Telegram to Pardee.

The president made public the following telegram sent to Governor Pardee of California, dated today:

"Telegram received. Am doing everything in my power in matter. Break is on Mexican soil and we have absolutely no power to do anything until permission is granted by Mexico. We are hurrying forward in every way the negotiations for such permission. Until it is granted, congress cannot act."

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT"

In a note to Director Walcott, the president says:

Mexico has behaved admirably and has expressed willingness to do anything in reason that we decide to do in connection with the Colorado break. Of course Mexico is not to do the work. The immediate work must be done by Harriman's company, as I pointed out in my telegram to him. But we should be prepared to put a definite request before congress immediately upon its reassembling. To do that I must, of course, know just what separate or joint responsibilities there should be as regards this country and the California Development company.

Please formulate a plan at the earliest possible moment, submitting it to the state department, so that Mexico can be informed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—President Roosevelt will ask E. H. Harriman, head of the California Development company, to have repaired at once the break in the left bank of the Colorado river across the Mexican boundary line, the overflow of which is causing such great damage in the Imperial and Colorado valleys in Southern California. This company is said to be responsible for the damage, as the break occurred at a concession from the Mexican government.

The president's decision was reached after a conference with Senator Flint of California, Director Walcott of the geological survey and F. H. Newell of the reclamation service, and in view of the impossibility of obtaining an appropriation from congress to do the work before the holiday recess.

Copies of the letter to Harriman also will be sent by the president to the governor of California and the chambers of commerce of the various cities of the State. Some kind of memorandum also will be transmitted to the Mexican government on the subject. "The estimated amount of money required to repair the break is put at \$300,000 and the expectation is that the president will use his efforts with congress to reimburse Harriman for at least a part of the outlay. The settlement of damages to property owners will be a matter of diplomatic negotiations with the Mexican government."

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—At the office of E. H. Harriman it was said that the report of action of President Roosevelt in asking Harriman to make repairs to the break in the Colorado river could not be understood there, inasmuch as Harriman is not in any way connected with the California Development company. It is stated that the Southern Pacific railway is co-operating with the government in making necessary repairs, although that company has no connection with the California Development company.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—A special to the Express from Washington, D. C., says:

F. H. Newell, chief of the reclamation service, today gave out the statement that so far as he was aware, no official action was under consideration with reference to the situation on the lower Colorado river. He assumed that the California Development company, with the assistance of the Southern Pacific railway, will repair the recent break and that with the experience gained it would be possible to put the river back into its channel with little delay and relatively less expense than before. The equipment is on the ground and men and materials, presumably, are available.

Being asked whether the government would not immediately go to the aid of threatened settlers, Newell stated that he did not see how this could be done without an act of congress and a special appropriation of some \$2,000,000. The work must be done on Mexican territory and some form of convention or treaty would be necessary before the United States officials could cross the line.

As to the probability of obtaining an appropriation from congress, Newell further stated that the reclamation service had nothing to do with the matter and was powerless, as it had no available funds and no authority. Government officials are watching developments and assume that the owners of the canals will get together within a few days and, presumably, with the backing of the Southern Pacific railroad, push forward repairs of the break in the river bank.

Nothing on earth, it would seem, however, can long cheat the rescue party of their reward. They are working with a desperation born of hope and, with deadly earnestness, they are tearing at the debris of the shaft. Hicks is exercising his now found liberty to the limit, and repeatedly shouts words of encouragement across the car to the men who are approaching him.

In view of the fact that the progress of the work of rescue is told in fragmentary form in the dispatches sent out from Bakersfield, they are published below in the inverse order of their receipt.—Editor.

BAKERSFIELD, Dec. 20, 10 p. m.—Hicks will be taken from the mountain before midnight if the calculations of his rescuers do not fail. The many unexpected delays have served to make the public suspicious of any such reports, but the miners hurrying into the hill are talking to their men over and under the ore car, and their only problem now is to dig out a hole broad and deep enough to drag him out.

They are flying at their task with a final burst of enthusiasm, and each succeeding report from the mountain lessens the time which it will take to consummate the rescue. The shaft has been deserted and everybody is gathered at the drift, expecting at any moment to hear the glad shout from within which will declare the completion of the long drawn-out task.

An improvised hospital has been set up in the tunnel. There is warm water to bathe the face of Hicks, blankets to protect him from the chill air, and there are pieces of tobacco for which Hicks says he has been longing for several days. The watchers are on tip-toes with excitement and all nerves are on edge for the crucial moment.

All Bakersfield is awake to receive the news of the release, and enthusiasts have arranged to fire off cannon and the ringing of fire bells will proclaim the end of the long delayed rescue.

NORTHWEST FUEL FAMINE

Degree of Suffering Depends Upon the Weather.

Coal from Illinois Is Being Rushed and Conditions Are Easier.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 20.—Upon the more freakish whim of the weather depends human comfort in Northwestern villages, which have been feeling the menace of a fuel famine. Where reports of tardy arrivals of coal and of hope for relief are coming in today, tomorrow may renew the menace if blizzards set in. Meanwhile the railroads are bending every effort to rush coal into the imperiled districts.

In the main, conditions seem better. Though there is still great difficulty in getting cars, shippers are inclined to credit the transportation companies with willingness to aid. Not enough cars are available to satisfy the demands, but loaded cars are moved without delay. It is believed, too, that there is a considerable amount of fuel in transit.

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HICKS NOT REACHED QUITE

Rescue Party Hoped to Be Successful Early This Morning If Nothing Prevented.

ENTOMBED MAN IN GOOD SPIRITS

Bakersfield Had Prepared Bonfires to Celebrate Successful End of One of the Unique Works of Century.

BAKERSFIELD, Dec. 20.—Midnight—The seemingly impossible night—The rescue party—The work of the rescue party—Hicks, the entombed miner. Late in the evening state that in all probability the buried man will not be taken out before morning. So great is the caution being taken by the rescue party to avoid any accident at the last minute, they fear to go ahead without first having made sure that everything is in the most satisfactory condition, no evil results can occur from any step.

Confident at daylight this morning that the end of their labor was in sight, the rescue party is again somewhat disappointed. This time in very sight and hearing of the object of their efforts. Working at the very side of the ore car which saved Hicks from harm, they are unable to say how soon they will have undermined the car, so that they may drag Hicks forth.

The plan determined on this afternoon in conducting the work is still being adhered to, and the miners are now boring beneath the car, in an effort to gouge out a hole large enough to permit the passage of Hicks' body into the larger opening of the tunnel.

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LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—"Will have Hicks out this afternoon," Tilden, this message was flashed over the wires today by F. E. Miller, superintendent of the power development department of the Edison Electric company by Timekeeper Tilden. The message was supplemented with information that Hicks was bearing the strain well and in a satisfactory condition, both mentally and physically.

At 11 o'clock this morning the rescuers had broken into the drift and were within six feet of their goal. There was but three more feet of debris to pass, though broken timber would be encountered. This obstruction is three feet in width and the plans mapped out involved tunneling over it and rescuing Hicks from above. The debris in the shaft consists of a mass of loose rocks and timbers, the slightest untimely disturbance of which would precipitate an avalanche that would overwhelm both Hicks and the rescue gang.

Even experienced miners can proceed only at a snail's pace. Every rock and piece of broken timber is firmly braced before a forward move is made.

The Edison company has spared neither effort nor money and up to this morning the work of rescue had cost the company about \$5000.

CRUEL ONLY TO BE KIND

Rich Philadelphia Parent Is a Theorist.

Indicted for Making Children Take Cold Baths and Walks in the Snow.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Philadelphia says:

Thomas Wister Brown, who is rich and the father of six children, has theories on the rearing of boys and girls which involve oceanic baths in November and barefoot strolls over December snow. For this reason he is under indictment at Ocean Grove on eight charges of cruelty and a number of prominent Philadelphians have become kidnapers in that they have stolen the six children and kept them concealed from their father.

The kidnapers are relatives of the Brown and Wister families, which are among the wealthiest and most prominent in Philadelphia. They are determined to keep the children until the courts enjoin the father from forcing their walks upon them. Also the relatives and the children's mother contend the courts should decide whether or not it is best to force the children to learn chapters of the Bible by heart.

Mr. Brown declares that he wishes to see his children have strength to plunge into the ocean all winter, if necessary, and he does not think that in giving them this training he is being other than kind.

Soon after Brown was indicted, Mrs. Brown and the six children left his residence at Ocean City and took refuge with relatives here. Brown has appealed to the police to find them.

COMMUTATION FOR PATRICK

Governor Higgins Saves Him From Electric Chair.

Opinions of Three of Seven Judges of Court of Appeals Had Weight.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 20.—The sentence of Albert F. Patrick, convicted of the murder of William Marsh Rice, has been commuted to life imprisonment.

In announcing the commutation, Governor Higgins issued the following memorandum:

"Albert Patrick has been convicted of the murder of William M. Rice and the judgment of convictions has been affirmed by a divided court. It is not claimed that Patrick committed the murder in person, but that he procured the act to be done."

He has been convicted principally upon testimony of Charles E. Jones, who confessed that he murdered his master while he lay asleep, instigated thereto by Patrick, and Jones, by his testimony, has purchased his own immunity from trial or punishment.

"Neither this fact alone nor the review of any of the facts already passed up by the courts at any stage of these proceedings would seem to me to warrant interfering with the judgment of death pronounced against the defendant, but three of the seven judges of the court of appeals were so strongly of the opinion that errors were committed at the trial which were substantially prejudicial to the rights of Patrick that I feel that the death penalty ought not, under all the circumstances, to be inflicted."

"In view of all these facts and the grave doubts expressed by these judges, I am satisfied that I ought to relieve the defendant from the extreme penalty of the law and commute his sentence to life imprisonment."

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REDUCTION IN MAIL DEFICIT

Four Million Dollars Less Loss in This Fiscal Year Than Was Shown for 1905.

\$15,000,000 MORE IS INCOME RECEIVED

Total Deficit for the Year Was Ten and One-Half Millions—Some Recommendations for Reform in the Service.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—A reduction of more than \$4,000,000, or 27.83 per cent, in the deficit of the postoffice department is shown in the annual report of Edwin C. Madden, third assistant postmaster general, made public today.

"The postal revenue for the fiscal year of 1906 shows an increase of more than \$16,000,000 over 1905, the greatest increase in one year in the history of the service."

Receipts from all sources were \$167,332,792 and expenditures \$173,449,778. The gross deficit, including interest on bonds and the cost of carrying over from the previous year, amounted to \$6,116,986. During the year \$24,983 was realized from letters for which no owners could be found and from unclaimed articles in the dead letter division.

More Stamps Sold. An enormous increase in the demand for stamp supplies—nearly 800,000,000 stamps, amounting to a gain of more than 10 per cent over the previous year—was a striking indication of the wonderful growth of the postal business, one of the country's great prosperity.

During the year 44,875,150 stamp books were issued, from which the government realized a net profit of \$102,233.

Second Class Mail. "Considerable space is devoted in the report to second class mail matter. The aggregate amount of second class matter mailed at the post rate since the postage during the year was 708,178,822 pounds, an increase of more than 43,000,000 pounds over the previous year."

Madden urges that what is needed is an "up-to-date law that can be enforced, a law of which the terms and limitations will be plain to publishers, to postmasters and to the department."

Concluding this branch of his report, Madden says he is "convinced that an increase in the rate of postage would ultimately prove beneficial to all, and would not work disastrously, as represented."

Reforms Suggested. These recommendations are made by Madden:

"That the rate of postage on letters not exceeding one ounce deposited in any postoffice for local delivery by its carriers or otherwise, shall be uniform at 1 cent each, but if the letter be forwarded to another postoffice, the rate be 2 cents."

"That the seven different rates of postage for the second class and the one rate for the third class be abandoned, and in their place there be adopted a uniform rate for all printed matter of 1 cent each for four ounces or fraction thereof to one address, which is 4 cents on an even pound, and that there be a provision for payment of postage on newspapers and periodicals in money, as at present, and another for their expeditions handling in the mails."

Special Delivery. "That existing laws be modified so as to permit, under suitable regulations, the use of ordinary postage stamps as special delivery stamps, the latter not always being at hand or easily obtainable."

"That modification be made of the practices in regard to the fixing of prepay conditions and rates of postage on mail to and from foreign countries so as to correct apparent discrimination in favor of the foreign as well as the home service."

No Word From Jeffries. TONOPAH, Dec. 20.—Up to a late hour tonight, Manager Riley had received no word of acceptance as referee from James J. Jeffries. He announced that if he does not hear from him by noon tomorrow, he will consider that Jeffries does not want to act and will select another man. In such an event, Siler will probably be chosen.

Governor Higgins this afternoon intimated a doubt of Patrick's sanity, attributing his mental state to the strain under which the condemned lawyer has labored for years in the death cell at Sing Sing.

The governor was shown a dispatch in which it was asserted that Patrick would refuse to accept the commutation, and insist upon his "right to die."

We Will Be Open This Evening

Premium Certificates

In making your holiday purchases don't fail to ask for our "Premium Certificates," hand-some articles of real value taken out of stock; surely superior to all other premiums.

Gottschalk's

A General Clearance of All Our Winter Millinery At Less Than One Third



A Surprise For You

Rather a strange time for a millinery sale, isn't it? But this is how it is! Saturday we must make use of a great deal of our millinery space for holiday novelties; hence millinery must go.

\$15 and \$25 Pattern Hats, \$4.98

All our remaining Gage and pattern hats. These glorious creations that have won for us the reputation of "The finest millinery in Fresno." Hats that sold as high as \$25, must go at \$4.98

\$10 and \$15 Late Fall Models, \$2.39

This lot comprises the balance of our stock of fall and winter hats; all bear the stamp of Gottschalk's genuine goodness; none sold for less than \$10, some as high as \$15; all at one price \$2.39

Our Xmas Candies

We are making a specialty of our stocking candies this year; five different varieties; all 10¢ per lb.; none to equal them at this price. Orders of all sizes promptly taken care of.

Untrimmed Shapes, 98¢

All our remaining untrimmed shapes specially designed for us this season, will go to-day at 98¢

Glove and Merchandise Orders

Glove and merchandise orders will help the uncertain giver. We issue them for any amount and for any article in stock.

Santa Claus Last Day in Toyland



Today will end Santa Claus' visit in Toyland, so don't fail to come down and tell this jolly old chap "good-bye." As you know Santa's travels take him far and wide, but never has he seen a collection of toys like ours in a town of this size, in fact it far surpasses any toy display on the coast. Come down today and bring the little tots, let them tell Santa what they want for Xmas; it is a pleasure every one should try and give the children. Of course there are those who through press of business cannot even make their purchases during the day. But Gottschalk has looked after them and will be open this evening and every evening till Xmas.

Two Extra Specials Tonight

Just a Suggestion or Two for Him

Linen finished hemstitched handkerchiefs, 1-2 dozen 75¢
Pure linen hemstitched handkerchiefs, 1-2 dozen in box \$1.50
Pure linen initial hemstitched handkerchiefs, 1-2 dozen in box \$1.50
Japanette initial hemstitched handkerchiefs, 1-2 dozen in box 75¢
All silk hemstitched handkerchiefs 50¢ up to \$1.00
All silk initial hemstitched handkerchiefs 50¢
Black and white silk mufflers at \$1.50
Black silk reefers, from \$1.00 to \$2.50

Two Extra Specials Tonight

85¢ Dressed Dolls, 59¢
Beautifully dressed dolls, little bonnet, shoes and stockings, go-to-sleep eyes, a little beauty at 85¢, tonight... 59¢

Bound volumes of "Outing" six months for 25¢
In magazine form... \$2.50



A VITRIOLIC RETALIATION

San Francisco School Board In Defiant Mood.

A Letter Casts Aspersions on the President and Secretary Metcalf.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—In reply to a communication from Mrs. Flora B. Harris, one of the most widely known of the American missionaries now residing in Tokyo, on the Japanese school question in this city, the San Francisco board of education, through its secretary, Elmore C. Liffingwell, has framed an answer which will be mailed to Japan.

Mrs. Harris' letter is conceived in a friendly attitude, though she does not hesitate to criticize what she deems the "provincial spirit" of the local officials. She deprecates the attempt to classify the Japanese as "Oriental" or anything else calculated to convey a derogatory implication, and has a number of suggestions to make which she presents with the best of good feeling.

Mrs. Harris' communication has apparently aroused the ire of the San Francisco school board, which rejects the inference, but welcomes the occasion to put itself on record. Dediance seems to be the keynote of the reply, and the president of the United States is said to have misinterpreted the local situation.

In a portion of her letter Mrs. Harris says:

"I deprecate the misunderstanding in San Francisco. The Pacific has become a mere ferry for travel and commerce, and San Francisco must therefore be cosmopolitan in spirit, rather than provincial. I, with many others, regret that she has shown a provincial lack of knowledge as regards our treaty obligations. It is news to us all that the children of our foreign residents under our flag can be excluded from the public schools and segregated without their consent, solely on account of their nationality. To found special public schools of the diverse nations would be to establish a dangerous precedent."

In the reply of the board of education is found the following: "The Japanese have not been excluded from the public schools of San Francisco. Despite the fact that no less a personage than the president of the United States has employed a similar assertion in framing a message to congress, and notwithstanding the wholly unfair report made of the entire school incident by the secretary of commerce and labor, the Hon. Victor H. Metcalf, the declaration that the Japanese have been excluded from our schools is an error."

"The 'provincialism' of Californians, as you term it, is oddly enough reflected in the hearts and minds of the people of Oregon and Washington—American citizens whose patriotism does not blaze in the soft glow of a Far Eastern sun and whose life blood has been shed more times than once in defense of treaty rights, of liberty, of justice and the protection of American institutions."

"The fact that the president of the United States, making arguments upon erroneous suggestions and framing against a loyal people scathing criticisms, regarding a matter which is purely one of local concern does not in the least deter the people of the Pacific coast, who, after all, are doubtless the best judges of their own immediate needs and welfare. Neither do the misleading deductions and recommendations of a politician high in authority, when voiced through a document which plainly sought the light of favor and not of truth, impress the people of this locality with any sense of doubt as to their rights as freeborn Americans or as to the justice of the stand they have taken."

"Without the intervention of misinformed or prejudiced public men, California would deeply have appreciated an opportunity to remove the subject alone and unaided, in which event Japan might have spared herself much of the concern that has resulted from the work of meddlers."

"The board of education will not recede from its position, and whether the president of the United States has been led into error and now applies emphatic language to the people of this state, or whether ambitious secretaries distort plain facts and shape documents that may perhaps be formidable in a political sense, the school authorities of this city, acting under a state law and without prejudice, will doubtless adhere to the very reasonable stand that has been taken."

PETTY THEFTS IN FASHIONABLE SCHOOL

Edict that Young Women Students Must Submit to Search Caused Return of Property.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 20.—Fifty young women students of Washington seminary, Washington, Pa., one of the most fashionable institutions of the kind in western Pennsylvania, left for their homes last night on their Christmas vacation, all suffering more or less from hysteria, following the discovery of many petty thefts and the method of the principal to find the culprit.

The thefts were committed in one of the dormitories and the teachers as well as students suffered. Articles of wearing apparel as well as money and jewelry have been missing over a period of a week. Yesterday, when it came time to dismiss the school, the boarders in the dormitory were summoned to the chapel, where the principal announced that not a student would be allowed to depart until their rooms had been searched.

Teachers began their disagreeable duty and one of them was notified that a student who had reported a \$1 bill stolen had found the bill crumpled and lying within the door of the room, where it had apparently been thrown in a hurry. Other reports of the hasty return of stolen property were almost immediately made and soon all who had lost anything had found the missing property.

The search was stopped immediately and the keys returned to the students. Last night the students were allowed to leave. The school faculty and some of the students are said to know the culprit, but the identity has not been made known.

Provision Famine Is Denied.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 20.—Reports of a food and provision famine in North Dakota or the danger of one are denied.

STORE OPEN EVENINGS

Retiring From Business

We have only a few days left to close out our HOLIDAY GOODS. Every article is something that is used every day. Felt lined slippers for women and girls, men's slippers, silk umbrellas, suit cases, embroidered suspenders, silk handkerchiefs, neckwear, fancy hosiery and lots of useful articles that you can buy for holiday gifts, and they are all selling at less than manufacturers' cost.

Boy's and Youth's Clothing

Going at less than cost. Buy now while we have a good assortment.

Men and Boy's Trousers

Are being sold for what the cloths cost, not figuring the tailoring for a cent. We still have all sizes in stock.

Boy's School Shoes

Cheaper than ever before in Fresno. We can fit your boy to a pair and save you at least \$1.00 on them. Everybody knows that our shoes have merit and will give satisfaction.

The Red Front

Victims of Steamer Explosion.

VICKSBURG, Miss., Dec. 20.—According to the latest news obtainable from places near Gold Dust Landing, where the steamer W. L. Scoville blew up yesterday, the list of dead and missing totals fourteen and the injured include four white men and several negroes.

RETAIL MARKETS

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.
Lemons—25¢ per dozen.
Apples—35¢ lb.
Navel Oranges—40¢ doz.
Bananas—25¢ 35¢ doz.
Potatoes—2¢ 2½¢
Pineapples—40¢ doz.
String Beans—15¢ lb.
Green Beans—10¢ lb.
Hubbard Squash—30¢ lb.
Green Peppers—10¢ lb.
Tomatoes—35¢ per lb.
Radishes—2¢ bunches 5¢.
Cabbages—2½¢ per lb.
Horseradish—25¢ per lb.
Onions—2½¢ per lb.
Turnips—2½¢ per bunch.
Pumpkins—2½¢ per bunch.
Cauliflower—10¢ 15¢ head.
Lettuce—3 for 10¢.
Carrots—2½¢ per bunch.
Lima Beans—10¢ lb.
Cranberries—15¢ qt.
Sprouts—1¢, 10¢.

POULTRY.
Chickens—Broilers, dressed, 35¢ 40¢ per lb.; alive, 30¢ per lb.
Chickens—Fryers, dressed, 40¢ per lb.; alive, 35¢ per lb.
Chickens—Dressed hen, 30¢ per lb.; alive hen, 20¢ 25¢ per lb.
Turkeys—Dressed, 25¢ per lb.; alive, 20¢ per lb.

GRAIN.
Wheat—\$1.25 and \$1.65.
Barley—\$1; \$2.5 a ton.
Egyptian Corn—\$1.35 per 100; ton, \$25.00.
Corn—\$2.00.

KILLSTUFFS.
Fresno Flour—\$1.30 \$1.35.
Kauweah Flour—\$1.25.
Al Flour—\$1.50.
Crown Flour—\$1.40.
Middling—\$1.45.
Bran—5¢ per sack; \$25 per ton.
Wheat—\$2.25 per sack; \$27 and \$28 per ton.

Corn Meal—35¢ per 10-lb. sack.
Oat Meal—40¢ per 10-lb. sack.
Rye Meal—35¢ per 10-lb. sack.
BUTTER, EGGS AND HONEY.
Creamery—35¢ per roll.
Butter—40¢ per roll.
Eggs—40¢ per dozen.
Combed honey—20¢ comb.

FRESH MEATS.
Beef Steak—10¢ 15¢; roast 10¢ 15¢.
Mutton—10¢ 15¢ per lb.
Lamb—12¢ 15¢ per pound.
Pork—12¢ 20¢.
Veal—10¢ 20¢.
Lard—15¢ per pound.

DRESSED STOCK.
Steer—5½¢.
Veal—7½¢ per pound.
Mutton—5 to 6¢.

FUEL.
Wood—Delivered, \$3 cord.
Wood—At yards, \$7.50 cord.

Radke & Company are not only one of the largest and best known San Francisco jewelry and silver houses but an institution of the West. Mail orders receive our best attention. Bush street and Van Ness avenue, San Francisco.

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Is Christmas giving—if you come to our store to do your shopping. Which ever way you turn you will find something that will do for a present for mother, father, son, daughter, or other relative or friend.

There are Skates, Bicycles, Talking Machines, Sewing Machines, Baseball Goods and other sporting articles, Ingersoll Watches, Pocket Knives, etc.

Your bound to find something.

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Christmas is near at hand, so hurry and make your selections from our big holiday stock. A most acceptable Xmas gift can be chosen from our line of silverware, cut glass, clocks, watches, stick pins, bracelets, rings, etc., etc.

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A Kentucky Colonel says: "There's lickens, and lickens, but some's better than others." He was thinking of our Tea Cuf and Astor whiskeys when he spoke. Good as any made.

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Special for Holidays.
Choice old bottling Riesling, Sauterne, Zinfandel and Burgundy, sold by the gallon bottled.
Tel. Main 447. 1919-21 Tulare St. Free Delivery.

ENORMOUS INCREASE OF RUBBER CONSUMPTION

Imports Have Increased Two Hundred Per Cent During the Last Decade.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The United States will have imported an aggregate of nearly \$50,000,000 worth of crude India rubber during the close of the present year, according to a statement made public today by the bureau of statistics of the department of commerce and labor. If to this is added the value of old and scrap rubber intended for remanufacture, the total will considerably exceed the amount.

The value of India rubber importations has increased more than 200 per cent in a decade. The United States consumes more than one-half of the world's production and the enormous growth in the importations is attributed to the popularity of the bicycle and automobile, coupled with the increased use of electricity.

The statement says that the indications seem to justify the belief that the Philippine and Hawaiian Islands are capable of producing larger quantities of this article as a result of this government's establishment of nurseries in those possessions for the distribution of rubber plants for use of rubber plantations.

BIG GUN PRACTICE AT FORT ROSECRANS WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 20.—Good records were made by the soldiers at Fort Rosecrans at the semi-annual target practice yesterday. Seven shots were fired from the big ten-inch guns and thirteen from the three-inch guns. For the big guns the target was placed 4500 yards out at sea and out of the seven shots fired six of them, took effect. For the smaller guns, the target was placed about 1000 yards out and out of thirteen shots fired, nine took effect.

Christmas Waists

No more practical or beautiful gift for a woman than a dressy waist. Come and make a selection from a most extensive line at almost any price you desire.



Lace Trimmed Waists \$5.50 Worth \$7

There is a "dream" of a waist of soft taffeta, the desirable kind. The prettiest yoke imaginable is formed of four rows of fine Valenciennes lace, in live points. Down the center of the front is a group of six tiny tucks with a group of three tucks on either side extending to the bust line. Then comes two rows of lace with a half inch strip of silk between. There is a cluster of ten tucks giving a pretty full effect. The sleeves are elbow length finished with a row of insertion, band of taffeta, another row of insertion and a dainty lace edge. This waist comes in pink, blue and white. This would be a fine value at \$7.50. We offer special at... **\$5.50**

Dressy Liberty Satin Waists \$8.75

At \$8.75 we are showing a dressy little waist of liberty satin worth far more. A tiny yoke and collar of rows of Valenciennes lace terminates with seven lace medallions forming a pretty scallop effect. From the yoke to the bust line there are five groups of ten tucks each. Alternating are four rows of lace insertion to the waist line. The sleeves are made with puffs of silk between rows of lace insertion running lengthwise. They end at the elbow with a row of wide insertion and four tiny ruffles of lace. This beauty of a waist is offered at \$8.75 and comes in pink, blue and white.

THE WONDER

Cloak and Suit House

REAL ESTATE EXCURSIONS

Will Commence Again Under New Rates.

Colonists May Be Brought from Los Angeles Any Day In Week.

The State Realty Federation has just secured from the Southern Pacific railroad company a special concession for the real estate men of the interior of the State in the way of promotion work that will be very promptly taken advantage of by the real estate men of this city. This is a modification of the already liberal tourist traveling rates that will be more accommodating than ever.

Hitherto, the real estate men of this and other interior cities could on Tuesday of each week bring travelers up from Los Angeles at cheap rates, provided three or more were brought. Now who came out from the East to Los Angeles on colonist rates would be interested in the interior by dealers in Los Angeles and then brought into this valley by them to see the country and view the land that they might desire to purchase. The special rate to this city was a round trip from Los Angeles of \$9.

The modification that is now granted is that this rate may be taken advantage of by dealers on any day of the week, instead of only on Tuesday. This will give considerably greater freedom in the formation of excursion parties.

Secretary H. C. B. Gill of the Fresno real estate board last evening stated that his body would at once take advantage of this opportunity to take up the promotion work at the place it was dropped last spring. Great benefit was derived from that movement, and the good work is to be continued. It is planned to begin the extension on the last of the new year. Mr. Gill stated that the company had given this concession to members of the state federation only, as they are all certified as to business character. All the members of the Fresno board are thereby members of the state board.

President A. L. Hobbs of the Chamber of Commerce stated last evening that the organization of which he is the head will not actively take up the promotion work at this time on account of the coming election in January. A new executive committee is to be elected early in January, and its members will form their own plans, both as to Eastern advertising and any propositions for work at Los Angeles.

San Diego's Money Returned. SAN DIEGO, Dec. 26.—The San Diego and Eastern railroad committee this morning began refunding the \$30,000 subscribed some years ago for the purpose of bringing a road to San Diego. The money to pay back the subscriptions is supplied by John D. Spreckels of the San Diego and Eastern railroad, which has taken over the survey and rights secured by the subscription.

Orange Land, 2000 Acres. A rare opportunity for a party of men. See our land sale column, ad. of George Roth.

VISALIA NEWS NOTES

Large Delegation of Teachers Expected to Attend State Meeting Here Next Week.

VISALIA, Dec. 26.—A large number of teachers in this county have recently become members of the State Teachers Association and other applications are coming in to School Superintendent C. J. Walker almost daily. There will be a good attendance of Tulare county pedagogues at the session of the association in Fresno.

James Watson Douglass, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Douglass, died this morning near Farmersville. The funeral will be held tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, the funeral being in the Visalia cemetery.

In the case of the Packwood canal company against N. Stepanian et al., by stipulation of the attorneys a judgment has been entered in accordance with the prayer of the plaintiff's complaint, except as to costs of suit. The injunction restraining defendants from interfering with headgates in the Packwood canal on the Jacobs ranch west of Tulare has been made perpetual. C. L. Russell was attorney for plaintiffs and G. W. Zartman and Bradley & Farnsworth for defendants.

A marriage license was issued this afternoon to Frank Whaley, aged 22 years, and Ethel M. Elster, 19, both residents of Visalia.

Very Place, who pleaded not guilty recently to a charge of battery upon the person of a woman named Hazard, changed his plea to one of guilty, was fined by Justice Clark \$10, and given sixty days in jail. The commitment was withheld pending Place's good behavior. It was claimed that the woman's nose was broken, but neither she nor her husband, who swore to the complaint, appeared against Place.

The Visalia schools and all other schools in this county will close tomorrow for the Christmas holidays. Programs and exercises will be conducted in many.

Miss Lella Lawrence is home from Berkeley, where she has been attending the state university.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Hutchison returned this evening from a honeymoon trip spent in Los Angeles, San Francisco and other places.

C. H. Jasper, Southern Pacific agent, Mrs. Jasper and Miss Ethel Boyer left this afternoon for Fresno, San Francisco and another point north, on a visit of several days.

Ralph Walker is home from Stanford university to spend the holidays with his parents, County Superintendent and Mrs. C. J. Walker.

An interlocutory decree of divorce has been granted to Naomi Fultz from J. M. Fultz on the ground of desertion.

The custody of the minor child, Malena M. Fultz, has been awarded to the mother.

Misses Hazel and Ruth Madox and Miss Ethel Wallace arrived this morning from Stanford university to spend the holidays at home. Miss Margaret Murda of Arkansas, who is also a student at Stanford, accompanied the Misses Madox.

W. B. Smith, who has been attending the Belmont school, is home for the holidays.

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SELMA TO HAVE NUMBERED HOUSES

City Trustee Gordon and Marshal Campbell Have Resigned their Positions.

SELMA, Dec. 26.—The question of re-numbering some of the Selma streets and numbering the residences and business houses of the town came up before the last meeting of the city trustees and was considered favorably. Some streets have duplicate names and it is these that will be re-named, while the numbering of the whole town is urged because of greater convenience in locating a person's place of residence by this method. It was stated that the Republican would do the work of properly numbering the houses, residents furnishing their own numbers, and thereby a uniform system would be adopted. A committee consisting of D. S. Smidgrass, J. J. Vanderburgh and J. W. Alkin was appointed by Chairman Flynn to re-name the streets where the names were duplicated.

The trustees will meet on Saturday evening to elect a successor to Trustee W. B. Gordon, who has resigned because he moved outside of the town limits. City Marshal Campbell, elected constable in November, has also handed in his resignation to the board. There is a strong sentiment in retaining Mr. Campbell as license and poll tax collector and his resignation has not yet been accepted. Just who will be selected for the above office is not known, as owing to the remuneration aspirants are hard to find. The offices of city marshal and street superintendent combined pays but \$50 a month, which is not attractive in these days of easy money.

Attorney E. E. Shepard and son Arthur have returned from a two weeks' visit in Minnesota and Nebraska. While away they were in Minneapolis and experienced a cold snap, with the thermometer registering 10 degrees below zero.

Errett Shelton, a Stanford student, whose home is in San Jose, is here on a visit with his sister, Mrs. M. A. Sawerly. Will LaGrange is here from Salt Lake on a visit. He is interested in Utah oil properties. Mr. LaGrange will go to Nevada in a few days.

J. R. Hickman, treasurer-elect, is preparing to move to Fresno on Jan. 1st.

Mrs. J. W. Paine, who is taking treatment at present in Mammoth, is said to be rapidly recovering her health. Lois Scott left for Clinton, Ill., this week for a visit with his sister, Mrs. Dr. Spaulding.

Mrs. Lizzie Brown has issued invitations for a Christmas dinner to be given in honor of the "Mill on the Hill."

Robert Goodell, who is afflicted with a cancer, is in Oakland to consult a specialist in hopes that he may be benefited.

Corn and Wheat Statistics. WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—A bulletin issued by the agricultural department today shows the total production in bushels in 1906 of corn to be 2,327,416,001; winter wheat, 492,888,004; spring wheat, 242,372,966.

Big Order for Box Cars. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.—The purchasing agent of the Pennsylvania railroad has invited bids for the construction of 5000 box cars. Their estimated cost is \$6,000,000. With the placing of this order the company will have ordered within the last two years nearly 60,000 additional freight cars.

PRICES CURRENT

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Arrivals of wheat today at Minneapolis and Duluth were about one-third of the receipts on the corresponding day last year and the small movement caused a fair demand by shorts and commission houses on the local exchange. The total volume of trading was small. The market closed steady. May opened unchanged to a shade lower at 78 1/2¢ to 79 1/2¢, sold up to 79 3/4¢ and then declined to 78 1/2¢ and closed 1/4¢ off at 78 1/2¢.

Trading in corn was quiet, but the market was firm. May opened a shade lower to a shade higher at 43 1/2¢ to 44¢, advanced to 43 3/4¢ and closed a shade higher at 43 3/4¢.

The oats market was active and prices ruled firm. May opened a shade higher at 36 1/2¢ to 37 1/2¢, sold up to 36 3/4¢ and closed 1/4¢ up at 36 3/4¢.

SAN FRANCISCO: Wheat, quiet; May \$1.30 1/2; cash, \$1.30.

Barley, quiet but steady; May \$1.19 1/2; December \$1.13; cash \$1.12 1/2.

Corn, lower; large yellow \$1.30 1/2; \$1.35.

NEW YORK: Raisins are in fair demand, with loose Muscatels quoted at 7 1/2¢ to 8 1/2¢; seeded raisins 7 to 10; London layers \$1.45 to \$1.50.

CLERK FILINGS AND UPPER COURT NOTES

Four Informations Lodged for Crimes of Violence.

Yesterday four informations were filed in the county clerk's office by the district attorney against the following: Thomas McMullen, assault with intent to murder, committed November 17th on Leung Chang; Louis Camponio, assault to commit murder, committed October 28th on Cherillino Tambrini; William Howard, assault, November 19th, two different counts.

This time it is an unhappy man whose wife has a hold on his property that he is trying to pry off by the use of legal machinery. Yesterday James Kerriek began suit against Amanda A. Kerriek to quiet title to four city lots, for which he alleges he paid \$2100 of his own money in 1888, but placed in the lady's name.

The couple have been living apart for several years, and now through Attorney S. J. Hinds, the man seeks to get the land in his own name.

An attachment suit brought recently by the Coalings Consolidated Water company against the Twenty Two Oil company to collect on a claim for something over \$400, has been settled out of court, and the action was yesterday dismissed in the Superior court.

Probate Cases.

C. M. Howard seeks letters of administration on the estate of John W. Rogers, and hearing is set for December 31st. The property consists of 160 acres of land worth \$400. The heirs are the widow, Eliza Rogers, and a granddaughter.

J. W. Stillwell is granted permission to sell the personal property from the Samuel O. Hightower estate.

Cora Belle Brandon filed a final account of the Alpha A. Quille estate, and asked for its distribution. Hearing is set for December 31st.

RUN OVER AND HURT BY NECKLESS DRIVER

Steve Jurich Knocked Unconscious at Tulare Crossing—Driver Kept On.

Steve Jurich of San Jose was run down and badly injured at the corner of 11 and Tulare streets yesterday afternoon by a man driving a gray team of horses, who continued to drive at a furious pace up H street, not stopping to ascertain the extent of the man's injuries. I. S. Knight witnessed the accident as he was riding across the Southern Pacific tracks on his bicycle and hurried to the assistance of the prostrate man. He was unconscious and bleeding profusely from an ugly gash over his left eye. He was loaded into a dray and taken to the office of Dr. Sample in the Forsyth building, where his head was bandaged and his injuries dressed. Dr. Sample stated that the man was badly lacerated about the head and body, but was not seriously injured. Mr. Jurich recovered consciousness while en route to the doctor's office, and in his dazed condition he was evidently laboring under the delusion that some one was trying to hold him up. Even in his weakened condition he made a terrible struggle to get away and would have succeeded if Mr. Knight had not secured the assistance of another man to help hold him in the wagon. Friends of the injured man found him at Dr. Sample's office and are caring for him until he recovers from the injuries he sustained. The police were given a good description of the man who drove over Mr. Jurich, and are endeavoring to locate him.

SLAVE TO MORPHINE GOES TO PRISON

Ed. Hughes Will Make Another Attempt to Break Himself of the Habit.

Ed Hughes, a slave to the morphine habit, who has served terms at San Quentin and Folsom for crimes he had committed to secure money with which to purchase the drug, and who was recently brought over to court from Justice Tucker's court for stealing rail-iron valued at \$3, pleaded guilty before Judge Austin yesterday afternoon and was sentenced to serve two years in the Folsom penitentiary. The crime at Selma, together with his "prior" made it a penitentiary offense. In disposing sentence Judge Austin made a short speech, saying that notwithstanding the fact that Hughes had been before him on three previous occasions, the court was disposed to give him another chance and would therefore only impose the minimum sentence of two years. Hughes thanked the court and stated that he would try once more to make a man out of himself, and in all events he would not return to Fresno any more. Hughes is a big, well-built fellow, fairly well educated, and desired to behave himself, but according to his own statements, has been unable to resist buying the drug as soon as he is released from jail. He stated yesterday afternoon that he was going to make one more determined effort to rid himself of the terrible habit, "and if I fail again," he said, "there is only one thing for me to do, and I will do it, too." He will be taken to Folsom to serve his two years either today or tomorrow.

Smoking Jackets and Bath Robes Appropriate and Acceptable Gifts

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And beautiful colors combined, splendidly made and finished superbly. Sold elsewhere at \$6.50; our price, \$4.00.

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CAR SHORTAGE REMEDIES.

The interstate commerce commission, investigating the cause of car shortage, suggests among other things, the need of laws to compel the interchange of car facilities, and the use of idle cars of overstocked roads for course for a proper rental, to relieve temporary shortages on others. Such a law could undoubtedly be devised which would be fair to the railroads, the shippers, and the public, but we should need some better machinery for the enforcement of the law than now exists. For there are already evils of this sort against which there is abundant law, but which nothing is done about. It is, for instance, undoubtedly the law that the railroads, as common carriers, must accept shipments from any point on their lines to any point on connecting lines. Yet, as M. P. Tarpey pointed out in his address to the California Promotion Committee at San Diego, a shipper on a point on the Santa Fe, in Fresno county, can not send a carload of goods to a consignee at another point in Fresno county, on the Southern Pacific. The railroad claim that the cars can not be transferred to the other track, at Fresno, in the face of the physical fact that they do so transfer them, whenever their own convenience requires. During the car shortage at the height of the fruit season last fall, the same complaint was made by local shippers. A packing house situated on one reservation could sometimes find available cars in the other reservation, but the railroads refused to switch them across. This, at least, was asserted at the time by interested packers. Such things are doubtless forbidden by law now. They ought to be made impossible in practice.

Sometimes these rules can be overcome by business methods, though it seems so far impossible to do anything with them by legal methods. For instance, the president of a large association of shippers doing business in the San Francisco district, on being notified that cars would be refused transshipment from the local Southern Pacific to Santa Fe line, informed the Southern Pacific that unless this ruling was withdrawn in twenty-four hours, a large number of cars awaiting shipment by his association would be routed through by the Santa Fe, and all future business would be sent over the rival road. Now, railroads can not do things in twenty-four hours. The man you see is never the man with authority to settle, and that man is never where he can be reached today. But in the face of this sort of a notice, the railroad did suddenly and some one with power to act, and the cars were transhipped. It ought to be possible to compel as summary obedience to the law as can be enforced to a business threat.

It is also stated, in behalf of the railroads, that the average time taken by a car in transporting goods is one day, and the average distance 250 miles, but that the average time taken by shippers in loading and unloading is nine days. If the shippers' time could be reduced to four and a half days, it would effectively double the car capacity of the country, without increasing capitalization or expenses. This is highly desirable; but one element in hastening unloading needs to be supplied by the railroads themselves. Railroads refuse to surrender a car of goods in regard to which there is a dispute or claim, until the charges have been paid, or guaranteed, according to their contention, leaving any counter-claims to be settled subsequently by application to the railroad. It ought to be the practice, in case of such disputes, to deliver the goods to the consignee at once, on his giving security to pay charges as finally adjusted, and then let the settlement of claims proceed without either party paying anything until the final determination. The insistence of the railroads on being always the party in possession, with the burden of prosecution and delay on the shipper, is a prolific source of tardy unloading.

THE "MESSAGE HABIT."

Congress is said to be growing impatient of President Roosevelt's message habit. More likely it is merely taking this occasion to express its general impatience with Roosevelt. President Roosevelt has been, and outside of California still is, the most popular man in the United States. Even in California, his intentionally offensive assault on the state has decreased his popularity only moderately. But in Washington, especially in congress, President Roosevelt has long been unpopular. The very congressmen who have been praising him publicly, in order to attract to themselves some part of his popularity, have often been among the most bitter to berate him privately. They only seek a sufficiently plausible pretext to make their opposition public. So they proceed to berate the "message habit," assuming that the public is as tired as they are of reading messages, which, while instructive and important, are not amusing or interesting in large doses.

Nevertheless, just this "message habit" is needed, to give vigor and initiative to our legislation. It is not an impudence for the president to advise legislation. It is not an invasion of the legislative department by the executive. The constitution expressly makes the president a part of the legislative department; it directly enjoins him to advise legislation, and it makes it necessary, ordinarily, before

a bill can become a law. There can be no question of constitutional right or propriety raised in the matter. It is purely a question of practical expediency. And on this side, presidential initiative is precisely the thing our legislative most needs. Congress has become a circumlocution bureau, so unwieldy that almost anything can be obstructed, while very little can be done. When prompt action and the emphasis of a public moment, from out the mass of details, is needed, nothing will serve so well as a presidential message or series of messages. In England, it is the duty of the cabinet to take this initiative, on all matters, and this one fact is the whole secret of the efficiency of British legislation. In America, the constitution expressly authorizes the president to exercise this function, and it is practically very important that he do so. Doubtless congress does not like it. But why should the president, or anybody else, care whether congress likes it or not?

BUDDHIST TEMPLE FOR LOS ANGELES

It Is Estimated that Five Thousand Followers Are in Southern California.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—Los Angeles is to have a Buddhist temple. At a recent meeting of the "Maha-Shravakas" (disciples of Buddha), held in the Buddhist mission, 227½ East Fifth street, attended by Japanese from all parts of southern California, it was decided to raise \$25,000 for the building of a temple. The exact location has not been determined. An ingenious blending of Japanese and European types of architecture has been decided upon for the temple, which will be of brick or stone. It is planned to construct the exterior on lines somewhat similar to European cathedrals—probably Gothic type—and make the interior an exact reproduction of the Buddhist temples of Japan. It is estimated that nearly one-tenth of all the Buddhists of the United States, or number approximately 50,000, reside in southern California. The mission on East Fifth street has more than 300 members. There is also a similar movement on among the Hindu Buddhists for the building of a separate temple for their sect.

TWO INSANE MEN SUFFERED INJURIES

Laboring Under Frenzied Hallucinations They Inflicted Hurts Upon Themselves.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—Two men went insane here today and both came near ending their lives before they could be restrained. Enro Meria, an Italian, imagined that he was bound hand and foot to railroad tracks while a train was about to cut him in two, and in his insane hallucinations, slashed his wrists severely with a rusty pocket knife and broke all the furniture in his room. Thomas R. John, harboring a delusion that robbers were attacking him, leaped from a second story window at 530 Central avenue and, landing on a picket fence, sustained serious injuries about the legs. Both men were removed to the receiving hospital.

TO BUILD PIPE LINE TO PORT HARFORD

Midway Oil Producers Plan \$750,000 Expenditure to Outfit Standard Oil.

BAKERSFIELD, Dec. 20.—Rather than sell their oil to the Standard Oil company at 25 cents a barrel, which the corporation has offered, the producers of the Midway field, forty miles west of here, will construct a pipeline to Port Harford, seventy-five miles distant at tidewater. This is believed to be the cheapest and best way of solving the problem which confronts the west side leasers, many miles from a railroad, and it will at the same time enable them to free themselves from a binding contract with the Standard.

It is estimated the proposed pipeline will cost about \$750,000. One Error in 1100 Votes. RICHMOND, Dec. 20.—The election contest of W. D. Booth, Democrat, against G. A. Carson, Republican, for the office of justice of the peace of the Second township of this county, was concluded today. The count showed a change of only one vote in the 1100 counted, Carson's majority being reduced from twelve to eleven.

ZION CITY ESTATE MUST BE REALIZED

Receiver Hately Says the Delinquent Investors Are in Need of the Money.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—At a meeting of the creditors of the Zion City estate last night, Receiver John C. Hately announced that conditions have reached a point where they demand that immediate arrangements be made for selling the entire property. Many of the creditors, he said, are in absolute poverty as the result of having invested their all in "the kingdom." Others are borrowing to meet living expenses and are approaching financial ruin. The receiver said that he is receiving every day urgent letters asking for an immediate settlement of the estate's affairs. The fact that winter has arrived makes the crisis sharper, and Hately felt that the dictates of humanity must be met.

LAKES ARE FORMED IN SIERRA MADRES

Natural Phenomenon Is Reported By Mining Men From the Foothill Region.

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 20.—Mining men who arrived here today from the Sierra Madre mountains, report that a large tract of prairie land at the foot of one of the spurs of the range is gradually sinking and that a large lake of pure water has formed. The lake is nearly a mile in circumference and the water three feet deep, the depth increasing gradually within the last few years. Two other large lakes have been formed in the foothills of the Sierra Madre mountains in the same manner.

SIMPLE SERVICES FOR BISHOP M'CADE

Famous Chaplain Is Honored In Death By New York and Brooklyn Friends.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Simplicity marked the services at the funeral of the late Bishop C. C. McAde in St. Paul's E. church tonight. The church was well filled, many prominent Methodist clergymen and laymen of New York and Brooklyn being present. The casket was covered with black cloth and an American flag was spread across the top. The pallbearers were all laymen of Eastern cities. Rev. Dr. Buckley said: "He loved all good men. He loved Robert G. Ingersoll. He told Colonel Ingersoll once that if he would become a Christian, he could save 100,000 souls in a single year." The body will lie in state until Friday morning, when it will be taken to Philadelphia. There it will lie in state until noon, when it will be shipped to Chicago for interment in Evanston.

PERSONAL MENTION.

W. D. Coates returned on the Owl last night from San Francisco. F. M. Miller, the grain merchant, was a returning passenger on the Owl last night from San Francisco. A. B. Evans returned last night from a business trip to Sacramento. Charles Cook has returned from a trip to the Bay City. E. B. Bann of San Francisco came down from that city last night. Albert Petty returned from Goldfield last night to spend the holidays with his parents.

We have all kinds of nice warm fur trimmed slippers. In red, blue, green, grey, brown and black. Also black velvet, kid trimmed. Prices range from \$1.25 to \$2.00. These are genuine felt goods of superior quality.

We also have full lines of Men's Holiday Slippers in all leathers including genuine alligator in rich brown shades. Be sure and see our stock before buying, as we can show you a very extensive assortment.

Philadelphia Shoe Store
 Near Court House Park.

Warner's 1929-31 Mariposa St. Christmas Gifts

Ladies' Diamond Rings

Solitaires, \$20, \$30, \$50, \$75 upward.
 Two-stone Diamond Rings, \$55.00 upward.
 Pearl and Diamond Rings in diagonal settings, loops and large Pearl with smaller diamond, surrounding, priced from \$100 to \$200.
 Some finer rings such as are termed Banquet Rings.

Bracelets

Plain 14-karat gold from \$6 to \$30, according to weight. Engraved ones up to \$50, and with stones to still higher prices.

Ladies' Watches

The open-faced ones for young ladies from \$15 to \$35.
 A large variety of hunting style watches, \$10, \$15, \$18, \$25 to \$50 and upward.
 Our prices are right, the quality considered, and the designs will bear the criticism of always being in good taste.
 We are open evenings from now until Christmas and shoppers will find shopping in this part of the day to their advantage.

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Shopping Days to Christmas Now

WINTER-GOLDSTEN
 THE HOUSE THAT GIVES YOU MONEY
 Phone Exchange 3

Pit 39c

Quien Sabe

39c

Flinch 39c

The Real Money-Saving Toy Store

Kutner's Big Bargain Basement the Mecca For Thrifty Shoppers

The advancing season multiplies the bargain-buying opportunities at the Big Store — as Christmas draws nearer stocks grow smaller and prices go down accordingly.

Daisy Air Rifles, 75c.	\$2.00 Blackboards, 50c	Universal Spelling Books, 70c.
\$2 Dolls for \$1.68.	(They were slightly damaged in a wreck—but they're great bargains at 50c.)	\$2.50 Iron Wagons, \$1.98.
40c Tool Chests, 25c.		50c Doll Beds, 35c.
25c Noah's Arks, 10c.		65c Iron Trains, 50c.

The holiday rush is on. With only a few more buying days ahead, there's no time to lose. It's the final week when all your Christmas purchasing must be done. While we are head over heels in Christmas business yet we are so well organized that it is all done quickly and good naturedly.

We advise carrying off all small packages. Keep to the right.

Buy early, for the store has adopted a new policy this year of remaining closed evenings. We hope our friends will understand that it's not done with the idea of not being accommodated but with the desire to help lighten the work of our big force of salesmen and saleswomen through these trying times. We will remain open only on Saturday and Christmas eve.



Gift Handkerchiefs

Here for 5c up to \$5 each — and the ones at \$5 are just as good values as those at 5c.

Today we're glad to tell you of a new arrival of

Ladies' 35c Handkerchiefs 25c

Fine linen embroidered handkerchiefs with plain and scalloped edges—splendid Christmas gifts!



Christmas Footwear

Kutner's is headquarters. Christmas footwear of all kinds—for men, women and children.

There's nothing quite so pleasurable as a pair of easy slippers to put on when evening comes.

So if there's anyone on your gift list that would appreciate a nice pair of slippers, get a pair here today—lowest prices!



Christmas Books

Lowest prices here—and greatest assortments.

\$1.50 copyrighted novels, \$1.08—Coniston, "The Tides of Barnegat," "The Fighting Chance," "White Fangs," "The Gambler," "The Masquerade," and all the new ones.

We also have reprints of \$1.50 editions for 48c—"The Crisis," "The Virginian," "Call of the Wild," etc.

This is book headquarters!



Christmas Candies

Good, pure candies at prices that are way below what others are asking. For instance.

Mixed Candies, 10c lb.

The kind that sell ordinarily for 12 1/2c and 15c.

We also sell our fine chocolates and French Mixed Candies at 40c lb.



Christmas Handbags

There's no chance of your gift not being satisfactory or pleasing if you buy a stylish hand bag or purse.

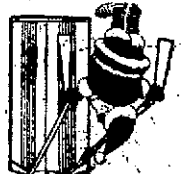
We've an elegant assortment of the swellest hand bags and purses in town—so do your buying here.

All styles—many prices.



Christmas Silverware

\$1 Silver Bracelets	85c
75c Paper Cutters	48c
75c Glove Stretchers	48c
75c Nail Files	48c
\$1.50 Cigar Cutters	\$1.15
\$2.50 Rattles	\$1.85
\$1 Paper Cutters	68c
\$1 Nail Scissors	89c
\$1 Roller Cutters	78c
\$1 Nail Brushes	68c



Gifts for Men

Useful Gifts! Quality Gifts! Just the gifts that will exactly please "him," and the thing that he will appreciate the most.

For instance:
 Smoking Jackets
 Lounging Robes
 Fine Neckwear
 Handkerchiefs
 Fancy Vests
 Suit Cases
 Umbrellas
 Fancy Socks
 Mufflers



Christmas Furs

Appropriate, useful, rich and satisfying gifts! This is distinctly a fur season—so if you wish to make some friend happy on Christmas morning, send her furs.

Prices to suit all.
 Brown Coney Throw, \$2.95.
 Sable Neck Piece or Scarf, \$2.95.

Fine Box Boa, \$7.50.
 Mink and Ermine Throw, \$10.
 Others as high as \$35.

Christmas Pictures

Easy gifts to think of and splendid gifts to buy. A large and comprehensive assortment awaits your choosing here.

No home can have too many pictures so plan to give your friends pictures for Christmas and you're sure to please them. Prices from 19c up.

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Shopping Days to Christmas Now

WINTER-GOLDSTEN
 THE HOUSE THAT GIVES YOU MONEY
 Phone Exchange 3

Sherlock

Holmes 39c

Bid 39c

Crokinole

Boards \$1

Open Nights Till Xmas

Glove Orders
Make
Acceptable Gifts



We Issue
Merchandise Orders
For Any Amount

Holiday Footwear Today

There is nothing more useful as well as appropriate as a good warm pair of house slippers. Our assortment is most complete and our prices less than you'll find similar qualities elsewhere. Come this morning before sizes are broken up.

Ladies' Bear Felt Juliettes
Ladies' Juliettes of best quality bear felt made in brown, black, red and green, special **98c**

Ladies' Fur Trimmed Juliettes
Ladies' French rici kid Juliettes high cut, fur trimmed, hand turned soles, 6 different styles, special **\$1.50**

Men's \$2.50 Slippers, \$1.49
Men's brown kid opera cut slippers, fancy inlaid patent leather bands, regular \$2.50 quality **\$1.49**

Men's Monkey Skin Slippers \$1.73
Men's genuine brown monkey skin opera cut slippers, fancy hand turned soles, \$2.50 grade special **\$1.73**

Men's \$3.50 Slippers, \$2.49
Men's brown rici kid "Everett" slippers, fancy inlaid patent bands hand turned soles, actual \$3.50 value **\$2.49**

Men's Embroidered Slippers
Men's black velvet slippers nicely embroidered, patent leather backs, well made, all sizes, special **60c**

Men's \$15.00 Suits, Men's \$15.00 Overcoats, Men's \$15.00 Cravenettes, special this week **\$10.85**

LINENS SPECIAL FOR XMAS

Swell line of new pattern cloths, in excellent quality linen, appropriate holiday designs, specially priced for today's sale.

Special for Today

Beautiful linen pattern cloths, new holiday designs.

8-4 size, pure linen, special	.....	\$1.50
10-4 size, pure linen, special	.....	\$2.00
12-4 size, pure linen, special	.....	\$2.25
Dinner napkins to match the above cloths, special doz	.....	\$2.00

A large variety of pretty satin damask table cloths.

8-4 size, exquisite designs	.....	\$2.50
10-4 size, exquisite designs	.....	\$3.00
12-4 size, exquisite designs	.....	\$3.75
14-4 size, exquisite designs	.....	\$6.50
3-4 size napkins to match	.....	\$3.50, \$4.00 and \$6.00 dozen

Special today, choice of any trimmed hat in the house, regardless of cost or value, **\$3.89.**

TOYS TOYS TOYS

Our toy section is the busiest spot in Fresno this week. The crowd comes here because the assortment is most complete and the values better than anywhere else. Every new toy is shown. If you buy your toys here, you'll be satisfied and save money besides.

AFTER 7 TONIGHT SPECIALS Double Premium Stamps

Peter Pan Purses	.....	10c
25c Pillow Tops new designs	.....	10c
Ladies' 50c Winter Underwear, green mixed	.....	25c
Children's muslin drawers, sizes 2 to 12 years	.....	10c
Peter Pan Belts with purse attached	.....	39c
Ladies' ready to wear hats, values up to \$3.00	.....	48c
50 yard spool baby ribbon, 50c quality	.....	32c
Ladies' initial handkerchiefs, good quality	.....	10c

THE FRESNO MORNING REPUBLICAN

WEATHER

Temperature, dry bulb 43
Temperature, wet bulb 41
Humidity 83
Wind (N. W.), miles per hour 4
Maximum 44
Minimum 41
Rainfall for season 2.00
Cloudy Friday.

High pressure continues over New England, with generally fair, slightly warmer, low pressure, with unsettled weather, covers the greater part of the country from western Canada to the south Atlantic coast, with three centers of depression, over Montana, Nebraska and Virginia respectively. It is snowing in Montana, Minnesota, Ohio and New York, and raining over the north Pacific slope and the Atlantic coast. Slightly warmer weather prevails in nearly all sections. Unsettled conditions prevail over the Pacific coast states from San Francisco northward, with generally fair, cool weather elsewhere. Cloudy weather may be expected at Fresno and vicinity tonight and Friday.

J. P. BOLTON, Official in Charge.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Did you head Hollands' ad? If you did they get the orders. Dr. Anthony has returned. Sanitary house cleaning Co. Tel. M. 103.

Phone Main 944 for Christmas turkeys.

C. G. Richardson, violin teacher, Main 2347.

Men's holiday novelties at Nymman Levy's. Open evenings.

Dance at Lone Star hall Saturday night. Admission 50 cents.

Dr. Kearns' lenses have stood the test of time. 2030 Marihueta St.

Nymman Levy, gents' furnishings and hats. Latest novelties. Open evenings.

Hughes Hotel. Regular dinner, 75 cents, served in American plan dining room.

Special sale on winter robes and blankets at Cobb-Evans Carriage Co., 1235 K St.

M. Stewart was brought to this city by Constable Davis yesterday afternoon to serve a ten days' sentence for vagrancy, imposed by Justice Banta of Mendota.

Fresno Lodge, 247, F. & A. M., 3rd degree this Friday evening, Dec. 27th, at 7:30 o'clock sharp. All Masons are cordially invited. A. B. Smith, W. M., J. T. Hallaway, Sec'y.

People will be interested to see Kamikaze, Bros' immense stock of vases, cups and saucers, dinner sets of the finest china, screens, baskets, silk handkerchiefs, brass ware, women's fancy collars, etc., which will make excellent Christmas gifts.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday to Louis G. Olson, aged 32 years, and Mary Nelson, 28, both of Fresno; Albert Gordon, of North Fork, 22, and Bertha Phillips, of Fresno, 18; Ralph B. Kenney, 21, and Lucina McKenzie, 21, both of Fresno.

Mrs. Nelson, wife of a railroad man of this city, is congratulating herself over the recovery of a purse containing \$45, which she lost while shopping yesterday afternoon. The purse was found in the Kautz-Goldstein store by Mrs. Armstrong, who resides near Maligne, and returned to the proprietor, who turned it over to Mrs. Nelson.

Fresno Exhibitors at Hanford Fair.

F. G. Berry and H. J. Vein of this city, returned home last evening from Hanford where they had been attending the annual exhibit of the Kings County Poultry and Pigeon Association. They report that the fair has a creditable list of entries and that the attendance at the exhibit has been good. Among the exhibitors of poultry and pigeons from Fresno county are the Grand Central Poultry Farm, George R. Andrews of the city and Smith and Darling of Fowler. The Fresno county exhibitors have an excellent lot of poultry in the show and are expected to carry off a number of prizes.

R. J. Vein, the poultry expert of this city, is acting as one of the judges at the exhibit. The association will hold a business meeting this evening and will elect the officers for the ensuing year. The number of exhibits at the show is about 400, a larger number than was entered last year. The standard of the entries is also higher this year than it was last year.

At a meeting of Company F last evening the members decided to celebrate the anniversary of the organization of the company with a grand ball, to be given in Armory hall on the evening of Jan. 20th. A committee composed of Captain Spivey, Sergeant Egan and Corporal Ogilvie was appointed to make arrangements for the affair. Invitations will be sent out to all the regimental officers and the members of the different companies. The committee in charge will spare no expense to make the occasion one of the most brilliant as well as the most enjoyable social event of the season in military circles. The order from the adjutant general was read setting forth that the annual inspection of the company will take place on March 7.

Captain Thomas Yost makes gift to library.

Captain Thomas Yost and wife, well known and long-time residents of Fresno county, will leave this morning for the southern part of the state, where they will remain for several weeks or months. The captain recently sold his orange orchard at Coulterville and having no business or family ties to keep him, decided to devote some time to leisurely seeing other parts of the state. Recently he presented the public library a beautiful miniature full-rigged ship made by his son Howard, who died in Fresno several years ago. The ship is in a glass case at the west end of the main hall and is a conspicuous object of curiosity and art, as well as a memento of one of Fresno's best and most highly respected young men.

Typhoid at El Paso.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 20.—Three committees, representing the board of health, the county medical association and the city, respectively, are at work trying to determine and remove the cause of typhoid, of which there are 120 cases in this city. Twelve deaths have occurred from the disease since December 1-11. The heaviest death rate ever recorded here.

Wanted His Watch.

J. P. Denson, who resides on Cherry street, reported to the police late yesterday afternoon that M. A. Markarian, who conducts a small jewelry store on I street, refused to give him his watch, which he had left there to be repaired some time ago. Mr. Denson went to the store yesterday afternoon and demanded his watch, but Markarian claimed that he had given the timepiece to a Chinaman who had called for it.

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WARD PLEADS NOT GUILTY TO CHARGE

Bunch of Peace Disturbers Before Judge Briggs Yesterday.

Judge Briggs held a very busy session of court yesterday morning. Fred Ward, the well-known real estate dealer and trader, who is reputed to be worth over a quarter-million dollars, pleaded not guilty to the charge of disturbance preferred against him by Sergeant Walton and Officer Drenth. According to the officers, he became noisy near the Grand Central corner and upon one of the officers telling him to be quiet he became abusive. The colored optic he displayed in police court yesterday morning evidenced the fact that he was the loser in the argument when arrested. He has retained Attorney S. L. Carter and will fight the case.

Ramon Sanchez, who attempted to steal a suitcase belonging to a Mr. Higgins, a traveling salesman from Los Angeles, at the Southern Pacific depot, a few days ago, pleaded not guilty and was returned to jail to await his hearing.

Dan Hogan, ex-convict and all-around bad man, who was arrested by Officer Ems early yesterday morning for drunkenness, was fired out of town under penalty of a thirty-day sentence in jail. Dan McPherson, the Mexican, who became intoxicated and amused himself by shooting at the ceiling at the Valley lodging house a few nights ago, was given forty days in jail. Arthur Luck, J. E. Jones and Frank Mendez, suspicious-looking characters, arrested in Chinatown by Officer VonMeiter, were each given ten days in jail. Reuben Spencer, a 17-year-old boy, who was arrested in company with the three men, was told to get out of town by the court and to avoid such men in the future or he would land in the penitentiary sooner or later.

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Great Pre-Christmas Sale Broad Cloth Coats Friday and Saturday

--At--

Louis Einstein & Co.
FRESNO'S MOST PROGRESSIVE STORES



An excellent opportunity for gift givers. Read the story briefly told.

The unusual heavy demand for this class of garments this season induced us to re-order too many. Not wishing to carry them over Christmas we have made telling reductions:

Note Each Item Carefully

Black broadcloth coats, regular \$22.50, reduced to	.....	\$17.40
Black broadcloth coats, regular \$25.00, reduced to	.....	\$18.75
Black broadcloth coats, regular \$30.00, reduced to	.....	\$25.75
White broadcloth coats, regular \$25.00, reduced to	.....	\$18.50
White broadcloth coats, regular \$30.00, reduced to	.....	\$22.00
White broadcloth coats, regular \$50.00, reduced to	.....	\$34.75

The styles and cuts are the very latest, handsomely trimmed with velvet and silk braids, regulation lengths.

Better Premiums for Gold Discount Stamps.

\$20 For a Thought

I am interested in your BETTER \$3.50 SHOES and would suggest naming them

Name

Address

Fill in the above coupon and mail or bring it to our shoe store. You may at this moment have in mind the winning name.

Toys and Dolls Galore

A thought well put. Glance at our window display and then you can better appreciate the truthfulness of this statement. Remember that the window display is but merely an index of what we can show you at our toy department. As an extra inducement today we are going to sell dolls measuring from 11 to 15 inches and worth from 25c to 50c for **15c**. Candidly, they were left over from last year, but are in good condition, except being a little soiled.

None Better—Einstein's Candies—Fresh Every Day

MEN'S STORE

Fancy suspenders, in separate boxes, the newest designs, at	.....	65c, 75c and \$1 each
50 dozen latest style men's four-in-hand scarfs, light, medium and dark effects, at	.....	25c, 50c and 75c each
Men's fancy blanket flannel lounging robes, a very suitable gift in choice designs, at	.....	\$3.85
Men's fancy blanket flannel lounging robes, a very suitable gift in choice designs, at	.....	\$5.00, \$6.00 and \$8.50 each
A magnificent collection of suit cases and English traveling bags, reliable makes, which stand long service. Prices from	.....	\$4.00 up to \$25.00

When in doubt, give a glove or merchandise order. They will surely satisfy.

IN THE LODGE ROOM.

Las Palmas Masonic Lodge.

Las Palmas lodge, F. & A. M., held its annual election of officers last evening, at which time the following were selected: Worshipful master, J. P. Bernhard; senior warden, H. Z. Austin; junior warden, W. A. Sutherland; treasurer, C. S. Pierce; secretary, C. E. Hamilton; trustee, W. A. Sutherland.

Women of Woodcraft.

Acacia circle, Women of Woodcraft, held a short business session last night. These busy pre-Christmas days hold so many other interests that lodge affairs are necessarily a little quiet. Yet the meeting last night, although smaller than usual, was a busy one and after the business the usual pleasant social time was enjoyed with card playing and light refreshments. The committee in charge were Mrs. Wagner, Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. Barnard.

Independent Foresters.

Court Fresno, Independent Order of Foresters, held a well-attended meeting last night, a number of the companion courts being present. Arrangements are about completed for the public installation of officers on Jan. 10th. For the ceremonies—Dr. W. Murray Johnston, high chief ranger, and Deputy Supreme Ranger C. F. Haul will come from Los Angeles. Brother Wilson of Sanger was a visitor last night.

Foresters of America.

At the weekly session of Foresters of America last night the chief topic of discussion was the coming installation, either the first or second Thursday in January. George W. Jones will be the installing officer.

WEINSTOCK INVITED TO LECTURE HERE

Retail Clerks Wish to Have Lecture on Salesmanship.

Harris Weinstock, the well-known merchant of Sacramento, is to be invited by the members of the Retail Clerks' union of this city to come here to address them on the subject of salesmanship. This was decided upon at the regular meeting last evening.

M. Mosher and A. B. Rosenberg were elected as delegates to the State Federated Trades convention, to meet in Stockton Jan. 17th. A vote of thanks was extended to the merchants of this city who have closed their stores during the evenings these holidays. Ten applications for membership were received and J. A. Kniff and Allen Dorland were elected to membership.

NIG NORMART MARRIED

Nig Normart, the pugilist, who went to San Francisco after his Madera battle of forty rounds, has taken unto himself a wife. He was married Wednesday in Oakland to Miss Mollie Weber, a Fresno girl, with whom he had been keeping company for some time. They were married by Justice of the Peace Quinn. Normart is working in a penny arcade in San Francisco.

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FRESNO FAVORED AS SITE FOR METHODIST COLLEGE

Twenty Acres at the End of Van Ness Avenue, Adjoining the Wilson Place, Decided Upon as the Most Suitable Location—An Option Taken on the Land for \$8500.

Fresno gets the South Methodist college and the site of the college was decided last evening by the church committee. The property will cost \$8,500, which the Real Estate board has agreed to raise by popular subscription. The property informally selected is a 20-acre tract of land at the north end of Van Ness avenue, east of the George Wilson home place. Before finally agreeing to take the tract, the agreement committee will obtain the agreement of Bishop J. N. Atkins of Nashville, Tenn., provide funds of \$50,000 for the new buildings and their equipment. It is understood that this will be a pure formality.

The committee met in the basement of the Methodist Church South and by the evening had decided to select the piece of property above mentioned, near this city, as a site for the new institution.

Rev. J. A. Batchelder of Oakland, presiding elder of the San Francisco district of the church, acted as chairman of the sessions, and Rev. R. P. Howell of Los Angeles, presiding elder of the Los Angeles district, acted as the secretary of the committee, including Rev. Howell and Rev. E. P. Ryland, pastor of the church at Hollywood in Los Angeles county, arrived in Fresno on the Southern Pacific train yesterday morning and spent part of the afternoon in examining the site offered for the college in and near Fresno.

A committee from the Fresno Real Estate association, consisting of W. L. Chappell, H. C. Gill and Louis Heilbron, conferred with the church committee Wednesday and yesterday and offered to them the choice of eleven sites. The tracts offered are as follows: Thirty-acre tract beyond Arlington Heights, owned by Eastern people; 20-acre tract at the end of Foreman avenue; 20-acre tract on Blackstone avenue; 20-acre tract on Fresno avenue; one-half mile north of Belmont avenue; 20-acre tract north of Belmont park; three tracts, of three acres each, south of this city; two tracts west of the city, one on Kearney avenue and one on Belmont avenue, and one on the Santa Fe railroad line, three miles north of this city.

The committee considered with special favor yesterday afternoon the tracts beyond Arlington Heights, that at the end of Van Ness avenue and one on Fresno avenue, half a mile north of Belmont avenue. Either of these sites was considered suitable as to location and extent for the establishment of the new institution on it, and it was felt by the members of the committee that Fresno, with its central location as regards the Los Angeles district on the south and the San Francisco region on the north, would be admirably adapted in that respect for the upbuilding of a large and successful institution.

Among those attending the sessions of the committee yesterday afternoon and evening were Prof. J. M. Fletcher of Nashville, Tenn., representing the general educational board of the Methodist Church South in the United States.

Rev. J. N. Kuey of Fresno, presiding elder of the Fresno district of the church, made the following statement yesterday afternoon concerning the plans for the new college:

"The new institute was ordered established at the session of the Pacific coast conference of the Methodist Church South, held in San Jose a few months ago. The institute will do the regular college work of the first two years, corresponding to the freshman and sophomore years at the University of California, and at Stanford university. The institute will also give a thorough preparatory or high school course to those students who wish to do that work, but will make a specialty of the two years' college work.

"The courses offered will include English, the languages, history, science and mathematics, and will be handled by a corps of competent instructors. The faculty and the governing body of the institute will work in correlation and harmony with the University of California and Stanford university, and students who finish the two years' work in the college will be fitted to take up the work of the junior year in either of those two universities. It is probable that a theological course will be given at the new college in the summer. The committee hopes to purchase the site for the new institution without delay, so that the erection of the new buildings may be commenced. We expect to have the buildings completed and the college in operation by next fall.

"The Methodist Church South formerly conducted the Pacific Methodist college at Santa Rosa and the buildings are still standing on a fine location in that city. However, the college there has not been in operation for the past two years and the church will sell the buildings and the site in the near future. With these funds, more funds already secured by Prof. Fletcher and other members of the general board of education of the church in the United States, and with private endowments which have been promised us, we envision a basis for the beginning of its operation. The Methodist Church South has a large membership in Fresno. Stockton, Los Angeles, Colusa, Glenn county, and in other portions of the State, and these people will prefer to send their children as students to a good Methodist South college either to finish their education in that institution or to then pass on to the University of California or to Stanford university, than to start their college work in either of these two latter institutions."

Decision of Committee.

The committee completed its deliberations last evening at 8 o'clock, and adopted a report to be sent out without delay to Bishop James N. Atkins of Nashville, Tenn., who is in charge of the general work of the church on this coast, and to the general board of education for the United States, whose headquarters are also at Nashville. The committee asked that the conference committee provide through private individuals an endowment of \$100,000 for the college; that the board of education contribute \$50,000 for new buildings and equipment for the institute. The committee stated that it was in favor of locating the new college at Fresno, but would not announce to the board its selection of the tract of land until the receipt of the reply from the board. The committee will make its formal selection of the site for the institute on Wednesday, Jan. 23rd next, at a meeting to be held in Fresno at 9 a. m. of that day.

It was learned last evening that the conference committee had decided in favor of a 20-acre tract of land north of the north end of Van Ness avenue, east of the George Wilson home place. Mr. Wilson has secured an option on the tract for \$8,500, and the Real Estate association will take up the work of raising from the business men and residents of Fresno the amount necessary to purchase the tract.

The site is an excellent one for a college, the land being high, and surrounded by some handsome residences. It is understood that Mr. Wilson will donate land to provide for the extension of Van Ness avenue northward to the college site. The Fresno Traction company has also agreed to extend the J street car line northward on Northcamp avenue to the Wilson home place, which will bring the cars to within but a few yards of the college site.

TWO MINERS KILLED AND TEN INJURED

Spark from Pipe Dropped Into Keg of Powder Caused the Disaster.

PITTSBURGH, Kan., Dec. 26.—In an explosion in Mine No. 1 of the Fidelity Coal company at Stone City today, two miners were killed and fifteen badly injured. Five kegs of powder taken into the mine by a party of seven men exploded at the bottom of the mine as the men were leaving the cage. The killed are OLIVER COTTEHORS, JOHN DAY, both of Stone City.

It is supposed a spark, dropped from a pipe by one of the men into one of the open kegs of powder, caused the wreck. The mine at the bottom was badly wrecked but the damage has not been estimated up to this time.

HICKS WAS REACHED AT EARLY HOUR

BAKERSFIELD, DEC. 26.—HICKS, THE MINER, WHO HAS BEEN ENTOMBED IN THE EDISON TUNNEL FOR THIRTEEN DAYS, WAS REACHED BY HIS RESCUERS EARLY THIS MORNING. AT THAT HOUR IT WAS ANNOUNCED HE WOULD BE SPEEDILY RELEASED. HIS RESCUERS WERE TALKING TO HIM AND HANDING HIM A BASKIN OF WATER WITH WHICH TO BATHE HIS FACE.

SHIP SUBSIDY COMPROMISE

House Managers Will Force One Through. It Will Apply to Lines Plying to Ports Promising More or Less Business.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Washington says: There is no doubt now that systematic efforts are being made in the house to pass a compromise ship subsidy act. There is a belief that after the holidays, when some of the members have been home and have come back fresh from their constituents, there will be a majority among the Republicans and much more than a majority, for this compromise subsidy measure, which goes before the country as an attempt to establish lines of steamers to various countries with the assistance of liberal aid in the way of contracts for carrying the mail.

The program of the house managers is outlined thus far, to limit the appropriations entirely to specific lines of steamers running to ports in countries where there is a prospect of an increase in American trade. Everything in the way of a general subsidy is to be swept out of sight. There are to be no payments for mere tonnage, no donations to the shipyards of Pennsylvania and Maine, no slush funds for the creation of a fleet of irregular steamships designed almost solely to earn subsidies instead of dividends based on legitimate freight charges.

To this extent, the compromise which is now being put into shape by the house managers is a distinct victory for the people of the Middle West, who have for so long a time fought the subsidy measure because they believed it was designed for the sole benefit of a few decaying shipyards on the Atlantic coast and because it would not make the carrying of American farm products a bit less.

PATTERNING ON ENGLAND

United States Would Expatriate Absent Citizens. Recommendations of Committee, If Made Law, Would End an Anomaly.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Recommendation for the naturalization, expatriation and passport laws and regulations of the United States were submitted to congress today by a special commission designated by the state department to investigate the present law, in accordance with a request from the house committee on foreign affairs. The committee consists of Dr. Hill, United States minister to the Netherlands and William Scott, solicitor, and Gallard Hunt, chief of the passport bureau of the state department.

Revolutionary conditions in the passport system are made the status of American women marrying foreigners is defined, the citizenship of minor is made clear and provision is made for the expatriation of American citizens who live abroad indefinitely.

Under the present laws, a man who is once an American citizen is always an American citizen. As a result, there have been many perplexing international differences, especially in Turkey where many men who have American naturalization papers demand the protection of the United States.

If the recommendations of the committee be enacted into law, this country will be practically on the same basis that England now is, and be able to terminate the American citizenship of persons who live outside this country.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Madame Melba cabled to Oscar Hammerstein yesterday that she would make her first appearance at the Manhattan opera house on January 2nd, as "Violetta" in "Traviata."

SOCIAL AND CLUB NEWS

A delightful break in the social monotony of the week full of its Christmas preparations will be the reception this afternoon given by the reception committee. This is the social occasion of the week and society is anticipating it with great pleasure. There are a number of visitors in town just now and but few occasions to meet them with the stress of Christmas arrangements so charming an event as the tea today will give the visitors a pleasant introduction to Fresno society. There will be quite a large receiving party and the arrangements are most elaborate and carefully planned.

One always hears with pride the news of the successes of Californians and especially Fresnoans. Added to other triumphs of other seasons Maud Lillian Berri, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lillian G. Berri, has made a distinct hit in the new musical comedy in which she and her husband, Frank Moulton, are featured. "The Great Mogul," by Lunders and Pixley. Eastern critics are most lavish in their praise of both Mrs. Moulton and her talented husband. The production itself is described as a "great big, glittering and gorgeous spectacle of beauty and music without any of the tiresome interpolations and specialties which mar the usual musical comedy."

In this superb production the beautiful Maud Lillian has made the hit of her stage career as the prima donna of the company. She is compared with the famous Lillian Russell and other stage leaders. The following are a few clippings from Chicago and other Eastern dailies, telling of her success: "The Grand Mogul" is the name of a new musical comedy which adds some lustre to the fame of Frank Pixley and Gustav Lunders. In the new entertainment Frank Moulton and Maud Lillian Berri are the featured players. They are hemmed in by a large number of competent assistants and a battery of chorists, and they explore three pretentious stagescapes and make the most that can be made of a really creditable entertainment.

"The producing company contains many clever performers. Chief of these is a vocal soloist, Miss Lillian Berri, whose soprano, like her figure, has taken on a roundness and a perfection of form that it did not boast when it was last here. Her bird-like cadences are beautifully executed and her voice at all times has a clear, resonant quality."

"It is probable that the greater portion of the audience will feel indebted to Miss Maud Lillian Berri for the enjoyment of 'The Grand Mogul.' In its present state she is the shining feature, with her beautiful voice and presence and her frequent flashes of pretty comedy. Mr. Lunders' score is good to her, and she has several songs written in his most attractive mood. One of them, 'Nestle by My Side,' which she sings with Mr. Moulton and the chorus, achieved eight encores yesterday, and is thus constituted the 'hit' of the piece. Another, 'Love Is Not for a Day,' displays her abilities more advantageously. The passing of Miss Lillian Russell and Miss Camille d'Arville and Miss Grace Van Sturford leaves Mrs. Berri alone in the prima donna beauty class. None of these will be greatly missed as long as she retains the charm so happily revealed in 'The Grand Mogul.'

The regular monthly meeting of the Merry Progressive Card club was held on Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Thunen. The cozy cottage was prettily decorated for the occasion with paper boughs and red ribbons, suggestive of the Yuletide. In the games of high five prizes were awarded Mrs. H. Hende and Theo. Carner. The consolation prizes went to Mrs. Howard and H. Hende. At the close of the enjoyable social evening a delicious supper was served. The next meeting will be on January 10th with Mr. and Mrs. Lee West on Valeria street.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick M. Miller are spending a few days in San Francisco.

Mrs. Fred Dodd went to San Francisco last night to spend the Thanksgiving holidays with her sister, Mrs. H. G. McDougall in Berkeley.

One of the most successful of all the Christmas sales for a worthy cause has been the sale of the calendars gotten up by Mrs. George E. Church and sold for the benefit of the Parlor Lecture club bazaar fund. These attractive souvenirs of Fresno besides being distinctly characteristic of the country are very saleable affairs and up to date the clubhouse fund is ahead just \$100, thanks to Mrs. Church's energy and kindness in placing on the Christmas market an article of credit to her ingenuity and to the club which is benefitting so much by her efforts. At one of the local bookstores where these calendars are on sale, they have been going at a rapid rate, and at other places in proportion. It is just a week since they have been ready for sale and since that time sales from all sources have cleared this generous sum which will be most acceptable to the club house directors.

One of the approaching early New Year marriages of interest to the many friends of the young people is that of Miss Maud Townsend, daughter of Mrs. W. S. Townsend, and Lawson Allen, a capable young business man employed in the Republican office. Last evening the young bride-to-be was the guest of honor at a china dinner planned in her honor by her fiancée's sisters, Misses Maud Allen. A number of friends called to congratulate the prospective bride and bestow upon her a number of beautiful china pieces for the new home to be established.

Miss Ella Schilling of Berkeley will arrive today on a holiday visit to Miss Marjorie Harris. This evening she will be the guest of honor at a dinner given by Miss Luella Swift and tomorrow evening Miss Marjorie Harris will give a "5000" affair in her honor. Miss Schilling is a delegate from the Berkeley chapter to the Lamb convale here next week.

F. W. Fisher had a jolly housewarming last night at his new home on Foreman and Sumner avenues. He invited a number of local hardware men to assist him celebrate this happy occasion. The dinner will not soon be forgotten. Everything was in fine style, with colored waiters to serve the good things. The table looked just like Christmas with bright holly berries and good cheer. Mr. Fisher's guests were G. H. Glasford, J. C. Clark, A. Hansen, W. G. Hansen, W. J. Clark, W. C. Frahm, Emil Gundelinger, S. Clinton, Emory Donahoe, A. B. McWhorter, George W. Tafford, F. M. Smith and J. Birmingham.

has a formidable opponent in Balfour. It is believed that the Nationalists will warmly welcome Burrill.

The Post congratulates the government Rhodes Scholarship exam.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The bureau of education is advised by Dr. Parkin of the Rhodes trust, that the next examination for Rhodes scholarships will be held January 17 and 18, 1907, in each state and territory.

says it thinks this choice will be regarded on both sides of the Atlantic as a proof of friendly feeling. The paper considers also that Bryce fully appreciates the positions of Canada and New Foundland.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—In well informed parliamentary circles, Augustin Burrill, president of the Board of Education, is now regarded as first favorite for the post of chief secretary of Ireland, which will become vacant when James Bryce is transferred to the British embassy at Washington. In this event, Dr. N. O. McNamara probably will be the new minister of education.

It appears that the contemplated appointment of Winston Spencer Churchill to the Irish secretaryship is receiving but a lukewarm reception from the Nationalists, who desire a man with a longer parliamentary record. Furthermore, there is some doubt about the safety of Churchill's seat in the house from Manchester, where he

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RED CROSS FUNDS HAVE BEEN AUDITED

Amount Received for California Earthquake Relief Fund Shown to Be \$3,335,304.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The war department today completed the auditing of the accounts of the National Red Cross Society for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1906.

The total receipts for the year were \$3,373,237, with a balance in the treasury of \$2,381,334. The greater portion of these receipts were voluntary contributions for special relief purposes.

Among the society's collections were \$3,325,204 for the California earthquake fund; \$226,239 for the Japanese famine fund; \$12,736 for the Vesuvian volcano disaster fund, and \$6943 for the Valparaiso earthquake disaster. A considerable balance of the California relief money is still in the Red Cross treasury, subject to the call of the California Relief Corporation.

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GOOD EFFECT OF RATE LAW

Commerce Commissioner In-
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KANSAS CITY, Dec. 20.—C. A. Prouty, of Vermont, member of the interstate commerce commission, who arrived here this morning from St. Louis to continue the rate law hearing, said today in an interview in speaking of the so-called rate law: "I have no doubt that eventually all states east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio will be on a 2-cent basis and by eventually 1 mean, of course, within a reasonable time for such legislation to be enacted—if legislation will be required, which I doubt. All these changes are and will be due to the agitation for the passage of the rate law. No man can tell what the final effect of the rate law may be until it has been worked out in the courts."

Prouty continued: "The most important effect of the law has been the reducing of passenger rates east of Pittsburgh and north of the Ohio river and in other communities. These reductions have been widespread—not in the West, I admit, but east of Pittsburgh and north of the Ohio people are riding for 2 cents a mile. The commission has made no orders and expressed no opinion to account for this change. The carriers have tacitly admitted that their rates were too high."

Prouty said it was too early now to estimate the real value of the rate law. Up to this time the railroads, he said, had generally evinced a disposition not only to obey the law but to accept any construction the commission put upon it. The commission has had no occasion, he said, to issue any contracting orders, nor orders that would cost the railroads much to obey. Until it does so, Prouty said, it would be impossible to say what they will do.

"I said when the bill was passed," said Prouty, "that the first effect would be to stop rebates. I believe they have been stopped."

Prouty, referring to the reduction of passenger rates, said there had been some reductions in freight rates, too, as well as a few advances. "While this amounts to a reduction in the published tariff," he said, "it amounts also to largely increased revenues for the railroads. It must be clear that if they cut off all free transportation, the railroads can afford to reduce passenger and freight rates."

Prouty continued: "The papers did not say too much when they said the passage of the rate law marked the greatest triumph; a triumph of American progress, a triumph for the Roosevelt administration."

He said that whatever might be the fate of the law finally, the people would control the business of rate making, all shippers would pay the same rates; the square deal would apply; business would be on a cash basis; men would pay for riding and the railroads would pay for the services in their interest.

"The Standard Oil company," Prouty said, "maintains a press bureau, buys space in newspapers of a certain class, publishes what it wants to and the reading public, or a part of it, believes what it reads. That stuff should be signed 'Standard Oil company.' But notwithstanding that press bureau, the Standard Oil company is at bay and the public is getting an accounting."

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 20.—William C. Anderson, up to the time he disappeared, had been employed by the First National bank here for eighteen years. The bank officials placed his shortage at \$9000.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The Evening World today received a telegram from James J. Jeffries at Los Angeles saying he would not fight Johnson, the colored pugilist.



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PRESIDENT CASTRO REPORTED DYING

Awful Condition of Anarchy Said to Exist in Venezuela Over the Succession.

PORT OF SPAIN, Dec. 20.—Latest Caracas advice indicates that President Castro is much worse and it is even claimed that he cannot live more than a week longer. Should he die, First Vice President Gomez will immediately assume the presidency and will be supported by a large section of the army.

A very large element of the country, including the Andinos, or mountaineers, supporters of Castro, however, will be opposed to Gomez. Efforts to settle the difficulties of the Gomez party and the party headed by General Alcantara, president of the state of Aragua, have failed. Alcantara has formulated a large army and gathered war material and is determined not to recognize Gomez, but to raise a revolution and obtain the presidency.

Meanwhile, the rebel forces headed by General Rafael Montilla is daily increasing in strength. The condition of Venezuela is deplorable. Outrages by bandits are increasing daily and the country is threatened with anarchy.

SLEEPY SICKNESS YIELDS TO TREATMENT

Professor Koch Reports that an Arsenic Preparation Is Effectual as a Cure.

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—Professor Robert Koch, who resigned the presidency of the Berlin Medical society in May last, in order to continue his investigation in Equatorial Africa of the so-called sleeping sickness, in his official report to the imperial ministry of the interior, says he has found that atoxyl, a preparation of arsenic, is as effective in the treatment of the sickness as quinine is in cases of malaria.

Professor Koch availed himself of the offer made by the British government to supply a mission house at Bougati, Seso Islands, northward of Victoria Nyansa, where there are 900 patients being treated with sulphonous injections of a half gramme solution of atoxyl.

The malady attacks particularly men in the prime of life and the mortality has been so great that whole villages are now inhabited only by women and children.

ASYLUM INMATE DESIRES RELEASE

United States Court Has Refused to Be Appealed to.

SANTA ROSA, Dec. 20.—Deunis S. Clary, who was committed to the state insane asylum at Ukiah, Mendocino county, by Judge Burnett on November 6, 1920, has applied to the United States court for release on a writ of habeas corpus, claiming that he is illegally detained and that he has been subjected to gross cruelty.

On November 1st Clary petitioned the Superior court of Solano county for a removal of his case to the United States circuit court. On November 17th he escaped from custody but was arrested and the following day at Cloverdale. Judge De Haven, of the United States court, ruled that Clary could not remove his case, as none was pending, the commitment being a final judgment.

His attorney, C. A. Eastin, has now served a notice on the United States marshal to prepare further steps in an appeal to the Supreme court of the United States.

MADE A RECORD IN TAKING EVIDENCE

Commissioners Harlan and Lane Rushed Things Through in Chicago Investigation.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Commissioners Harlan and Lane of the interstate commerce commission today continued the investigation into the shortage of cars on railroads, which was begun in Minneapolis two weeks ago.

The first witness was W. D. Biddle, vice president of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad. He declared that conditions in the South at the present time are worse than those in the North. This was caused, he said, by the inadequate terminal facilities in the South. At Galveston, he said, traffic on all roads is congested throughout the year. Many shippers have inadequate storage facilities and they use cars for that purpose.

E. W. McKenna, vice president of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, corroborated the statements of Biddle regarding the use of cars for storage purposes.

The testimony was handled in record-breaking time. So much celerity was injected into the proceedings that the time for the taking of the evidence was reduced by one-half.

ADDING MACHINES FOR THE POSTOFFICE

Of Thirty-five Types Examined by Commission Nearly All Proved Satisfactory.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—A commission appointed by the postmaster general to inquire into the merits of various adding and computing machines, especially as to their adaptability for the work in postoffices made its report today. The commission examined thirty-five machines, nearly all of which proved to be satisfactory. Bids will be considered from time to time with a view to securing machines best adapted to the needs of the postal service.

Few machines can be purchased at present on account of the limited appropriation at the disposal of the department.

ABSCONDING TELLER ARRESTED AT AUSTIN

Charged With Embezzling \$9000 He Had \$500 and a New Automobile.

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 20.—Chief of Police Morris today arrested William C. Anderson, alias Charlton, wanted in Kansas City on the charge of embezzling funds of the First National bank of that city. Anderson was formerly assistant paying teller of the institution. When arrested he had about \$500 in money and an automobile which he purchased in San Antonio. He has been here about ten days. Anderson was taken to Kansas City today.

PEERS MUST BE CURBED

Crisis in British Politics Has Been Reached.

Government Will Not Appeal to the Country—Lords' Veto Threatened.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—There will be no dissolution of parliament as a result of the action of the house of lords in defeating the government's education bill. Although the rejection of this, the main liberal measure of the session, is the most serious rebuff Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's cabinet has yet suffered, it is not regarded as being sufficiently grave to necessitate an appeal to the country.

Whether at the present moment the government could successfully appeal to the nation on the education bill is a question about which even many liberals are in great doubt. The only immediate effect of the step taken by the upper house therefore will be to give an enormous impetus to the radical agitation in favor of curbing the veto powers of the peers and to the non-conformists a new gun and ammunition in their fight for the disestablishment of the church of England.

There is generally a widespread impression that a purely secular education bill will be introduced during the next session of parliament while no doubt the cabinet during recess will consider what means are possible to prevent the lords from nullifying prolonged labors of the commons and to deliver their veto of measures passed twice by the lower house.

It is the general view of the politicians that the peers, by last night's action, have entered upon a constitutional struggle embracing much more than the education bill. The liberals promise that there shall be no cessation of the fight until the constitutional issue is settled as to whether the liberal party is to be forever checkmated by that standing committee of the peers.

King Edward this morning received the premier at Buckingham palace. It is understood that his majesty wished to be fully informed regarding the cabinet's views on the political situation as affected by the education question.

LOS ANGELES COUNCIL FAVORING SALOONS

Anti-Liquor Interests Have Enjoined the Mayor from Signing Ordinances Recently Passed.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—Mayor McAlister was enjoined today by Judge Conroy of the Superior court from signing ordinances recently passed by the city council, affecting the liquor laws of the city.

The bills which are thus held up allow saloons to be opened in localities hitherto exempted, reduce the number of signers necessary to obtain a permit for any particular locality for a saloon and grant other concessions in the interest of the liquor business. The injunction was secured by certain business, affected, and the Municipal League.

It is charged that the old city council, which goes out of office January 1st is attempting to pass hurried legislation, inimical to the public interest, under the pretext of being "urgent legislation necessary for public peace, health and safety."

TICKET AGENT IS BEATEN BY BANDITS

One of the Most Daring Robberies in the History of Leadville, Colorado.

LEADVILLE, Colo., Dec. 20.—One of the most daring robberies in the history of Leadville occurred at midnight last night at the Denver & Rio Grande depot, when, after being shot and beaten almost into insensibility, Joe Dale, ticket agent, was forced by a masked bandit to open the cash drawer and deliver over the contents, amounting to \$100. The victim is in a serious condition and will probably die. A posse is scouring the country surrounding Leadville in a search for the bandit.

Saloonkeepers Adopt a Better Way.
The saloonkeepers of Fresno have decided to donate a sum of money to the Salvation Army and County Orphanage, instead of distributing among their customers the usual Christmas gifts. There will, therefore, be no liquor dealers' gifts to patrons this year.

If your piano needs tuning, ring up A. J. Paterson, Black 185, or Falkenstein Music Co.

Kodaks and Photo Supplies Full line at Baker & Colson's.

Give Glasses

To some friend whom you would like to remember with a serviceable, useful practical gift. Let us make them for you, we will make any necessary change in them after Christmas.

Let us tell you more about the different styles glasses. Come in today.

J. M. CRAWFORD & CO. OPTICIANS.

1123 J St. Flisk Block.

BARTON HOLEN

ROBT. G. BARTON, MGR AND PROM.
One Night
Saturday
Dec. 22
Seat Sale
Opens
Tomorrow
9 a. m.
Lambardi Grand Opera Company
Of Milan, Italy, Presenting
Donizetti's Beautiful Opera
"Lucia Di Lammermoor"
The Greatest Singers in the
Realm of Grand Opera
Prices -- 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.50, \$2

A. IVERSEN & CO.

BART HARVEY A. IVERSEN

We Move to 1021 J Street
On or before January 1st.

Thousands of Dollars Worth
of the Best Clothing in Suits
and Overcoats at a Great
Sacrifice

Every Man's Suit is reduced.
Every Overcoat is reduced.
Every Young Man's Suit is reduced.
You can save money by calling on us on this, our
Great Removal Sale.

SUIT CASES—They make a good Xmas present.
The \$7.50 all leather, Removal Price \$5.50.
The \$10.00, all leather, some silk lined, Removal
Price \$7.50.

The \$15.00, all solid sole leather, Removal Price
\$10.00.

UMBRELLAS—A good gentlemen's present. Removal
sale prices 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50.

We carry a full line of gloves, handkerchiefs, ties
and everything a man desires.

1035 - - - J St.

Christmas Candies

We make our candy right here. It is fresh and
pure. Special attention and prices given to all whole-
sale orders.

Lee W. Wells & Co.
1157 J Street

The Best Alluvial Soil on the Market

for sale by the Fresno Irrigated Farms Company, in subdivisions of any size, in its famous tract at Kerman, Cal.

Each lot, or subdivision, is well located, having access to a good road, good telephone service, free rural mail delivery, and easy distance from the live, growing town of Kerman.

All these lands are perfectly level, good natural drainage, and under the best irrigation system in the state with an abundant supply of water which costs only 62 1-2c per acre per year. One of these first-class water rights deeded with each subdivision of land.

Buy the virgin soil, plant your own trees, vines and alfalfa, and derive for yourself the increase of developed land, along with the first and best wear out of it.

Land values always grow, and none grow faster than these assisted by development. The California Stock Food Co. is preparing to establish a large alfalfa meal mill at Kerman which will insure an extra good price to the producer of alfalfa hay.

The California Traction Co. is now securing rights of way for its electric railway from Fresno to Kerman and when this road is completed the fact is assured that the values of property will advance to no little extent in lands about Kerman.

Other important enterprises are soon to be established. Your choice of any of this land at \$75.00 per acre. Those buying now are getting the advantage of the choice locations.

The Fresno Irrigated Farms Co.
KERMAN, CAL.

FOR AERIAL LOCOMOTION

French Government Prepares for the Event.

Revolution Assured By Airship Perfection Will Be Provided For.

PARIS, Dec. 20.—So confident is the French government that the day is only a short distance off when aerial locomotion will be practical, that several commissions are actually at work elaborating plans for meeting, in the various branches of the public service, the solution of the many new problems which the revolution will entail.

Captain Ferber of the French army, who is devoting all his time to aerostatics and who conducted the negotiations on behalf of his government with Santos Dumont that flying machines in a few days will be as common as automobiles today, in the next war he is convinced there will be battles between battalions of airships.

"Human mastery over the air," said he to the Associated Press, "is virtually achieved. None of the startling achievements of the past, neither steam, electricity, nor the telephone, can compare with what the future holds in store for us. Not only will the life of individuals be revolutionized, but also, governments will be compelled to devise in almost every department new methods to meet the changed conditions. This change will come with amazing suddenness and France is taking the precaution to meet it."

"In the customs service, present methods of watching the frontiers will be obsolete. Aerial patrols will be necessary to prevent the smuggling of contraband across the border."

"The police of all cities will have to be provided with flying machines to protect the people from the new opportunities of crime which aerial locomotion will place in the power of criminals. It would seem that flying machines would enable anarchists to achieve any end by threats against, not only rulers, but whole cities, but with the police sailing about in the air, it will be no more difficult to frustrate their plots than it is now on solid ground."

"In war, the intelligence service will be entirely consigned to the aerostatic division and armed airships will guard the highways of commerce."

Captain Ferber believes the whole solution of the problem of aerial navigation lies in the question of equilibrium, that is, aerostatic equilibrium, and that, as aerostatic equilibrium is yet in the experimental stage and will only be achieved when the present crude and temporary expedients employed by Santos Dumont are replaced by a co-ordinating central mechanism which will permit the operator, with an instinctive touch of the helm, to right his machine when it tips to one side or the other, as the bicyclist today maintains his equilibrium by the instinctive inclination of his body.

Captain Ferber has just completed an interesting series of experiments to prove that birds are powerless to fly until they have been taught. He contends that the domination of the air at present enjoyed by birds was only obtained as a result of a slow process of evolution, comparable in a way to slow-perfection of the present human means of flight.

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This information was taken to mean that the plan of the New York Life officials to provide for the transfer of its excess business under the new insurance laws and assumed tangible form.

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GRAND JURY PROBES NEW YORK LIFE BUSINESS

Something Interesting Is Suggested as Growing Out of So-Called "Prussian Deal."

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The grand jury inquiry into the conduct of the business of the New York Life Insurance Company was continued today.

Darwin H. Kingsley, vice-president of the company, was examined at length regarding the so-called Prussian deal. The company, as the price of continuing to do business in Prussia, was compelled to charge off three blocks of stock which were not acceptable to the Prussian officials. The company, as the price of continuing to do business in Prussia, was compelled to charge off three blocks of stock which were not acceptable to the Prussian officials.

George W. Perkins was called this afternoon and remained with the grand jury two hours and a half. His examination had not been completed when the jury adjourned for the day.

CATTLE MEN CANNOT SHIP

Serious Car Shortage in the Southwest.

Commission's Hearing at Kansas City Reveals Bad Conditions.

CRUISER MILWAUKEE TO BEGIN HER TESTS

Standardization Run Over Measured Mile Course Will Be Made Today.

SANTA BARBARA, Dec. 20.—Wind and weather permitting, the cruiser South Dakota, the latest product of the Union Iron works, will make her standardization runs over the measured mile in the Santa Barbara channel tomorrow morning. The runs are made to determine the number of revolutions of the engines necessary to produce a speed of twenty-two knots, the contract requirement, and after these figures have been determined the ship will be run for four hours with the engines running at the proper speed.

If the endurance run is successful, the South Dakota will have passed the government tests and will be completed and put into commission as soon as possible. Between fifteen and twenty runs at varying speeds will be made over the mile course that was surveyed in the channel for the trial trip of the Milwaukee, and after proper corrections for wind and tide have been made, the ship will be run for four hours with the engines running at the proper speed.

If all goes well on tomorrow's trial, the endurance run, anchor tests, and maneuvers will take place Saturday. Inspection of the ship was to have taken place this morning, but, owing to a delayed train, three members of the trial board, Captain Harbor, Commander Dool and Commander Gering, failed to put in an appearance until this afternoon, and although the South Dakota dropped anchor abreast of the flag ship Charleston shortly before 10 o'clock, it was not until afternoon that the government officials went aboard.

SERIOUS CONDITIONS PREVAIL IN CHINA

Opium Dealers and Gambling Houses Keepers Object to Reforms Recently Enacted.

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—A dispatch to the Frankfurter Zeitung from Tien Tsin, published today, describes the situation as critical owing to the agitation of the South Chinese opium dealers and owners of gambling houses, who are discontented as a result of various recent reforms and the suppression of the opium traffic.

At several places depots of arms have been discovered. The Japanese, it is added, have considerably strengthened the guard of their legation at Peking.

In the province of Kiangsi and Honan the revolutionary secretaries and deserters from the army are gathering.

NEW YORK POLICE WILL WAGE WARFARE AGAINST "BLACK HAND"

James M. Cohn, a Southwestern ranchman, told of several instances where his cattle had been held up in shipping to market.

PEARL'S STEAMER EN ROUTE

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass., Dec. 20.—Commander Peary's steamer, the Resolute, arrived here this afternoon on her way from Shelburne, N. S., to New York.

FORAKER ON ARMY RIGHTS

Says President Misconceived His Powers.

Scott Says Colored Cavalry Saved the Rough Riders in Cuban War.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Senator Foraker occupied the attention of the senate in its last session before the holiday recess today, in an extended criticism of President Roosevelt's action in discharging the negro troops of the Twenty-fifth infantry on account of the Brownsville raid. He was replied to briefly by Senator Lodge, while Senator Scott sustained the demand of the Ohio senator for a full investigation of the matter by the senate military committee. A resolution directing such an investigation is before the senate for action at its next meeting.

Immediately after the senate convened Senator Foraker's resolution was taken up and Foraker addressed the senate in its support. He began with the broad declaration "that the president misconceived his constitutional powers when he discharged the troops and he also misconceived the testimony on which his action was based."

Foraker said the president's constitutional power simply was to command the army and navy as commander in chief, while to Congress the constitution gave power to raise armies and to make rules and regulations for the government.

The regulations prescribed that no man could be summarily discharged without a right to be tried, and the articles of war, he argued, prescribed minutely how these trials are to be conducted; that all punishments should be in accordance with the directions of court martial. He contended, after reading at length from the articles of war, it was inconceivable that the president should be absolutely without restraint.

The president, he said, stated in his message that these soldiers were guilty of many crimes and had been discharged for that reason. He followed this with the article of war providing that a court martial should direct the punishment. This was all to guard against the exercise of an autocratic power. Congress, to provide against excessive punishment, had limited penalties.

Lodge replied to Foraker's speech and Senator Scott remarked that as he had read the history of the Spanish-American war, the Twenty-fifth (colored) was largely responsible for the preservation of the Rough Riders. "If it had not been for the cavalry we might not today have the privilege of having that gallant soldier, that splendid president, in the White House," he said.

Foraker's resolution goes over without action and after the holiday recess.

RUSSO-JAPANESE TREATY PROGRESSES

Ambassador Meyer Is Not Likely to Be Called Upon to Render Good Offices.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 20.—The Russo-Japanese commercial treaty is nearing completion, Japan has abandoned her demand for international navigation of the Amur river and asks that the treaty of Aigun be revoked insofar as it concerns the navigation of the Sungari river, which is entirely within Chinese territory in Manchuria, and without access to the sea through the Amur.

Ambassador Meyer, previous to his departure from St. Petersburg, for the estate of Prince Uppoff, at Central Russia, where he will have a week of bear and wolf shooting, had a long interview with Foreign Minister Litvinov and it is understood that the Japanese situation was one of the principal topics discussed. It is said there was no suggestion of recourse to arbitration or to the good offices of a third power.

Mr. and Mrs. Meyer have not departed upon the date of their departure for their home, their movement depending on the arrival here of John W. Riddle, the newly appointed American ambassador. They hope to leave about January 1st so that Meyer may have opportunity to care for his private affairs before entering the cabinet as postmaster general.

ICE TRUST'S OPERATIONS

Production Restricted; Supplies Corralled; Consumers Robbed.

ALBANY, Dec. 20.—Attorney General Julius Meyer, in the name of the people of the state of New York, today began an action against the American Ice Company in the Supreme court of New York county for the dissolution of the so-called "ice trust."

The complaint alleges as a principal feature of the "scheme" a practical monopoly of the natural and artificial ice output and distribution, especially in Greater New York and the communities in that vicinity, that it secured control of the Maine ice field and caused a reduction there last year of the usual harvest from a million and a half tons to one-third of that amount. The sources of supply are alleged to be similarly controlled.

The key to the ice situation in New York City is pointed out as lying in this company's control of the ice bridges or landing docks, by which means it is alleged the company is enabled to fix the price of ice, resulting last summer in an increase from \$1.20 a ton at the bridges to \$5 and \$6 a ton to the independent dealers, who are alleged to be controlled by the company and who supply the retail trade. It is said that by the time the ice reaches the poorer customers it costs at the rate of from \$10 to \$14 a ton.

Correspondence of the company with its agents and others is quoted to show that the very time when the company was giving its customers the benefit of ice, it was purchasing and consuming ice of its own to the shortage of supply, it was informing its agents that the ice situation, from the company's standpoint, was satisfactory and that offers were being received from various sources, especially from Maine independent producers, of ample supplies and the company was at the time refusing to accept these offers on any terms.

It is declared by the attorney general that on the Hudson river the American Ice company owns all but seven feet of the 14 1/2 ice houses and that it contracted with the Mountain Ice company, operating in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, to restrict its sales in Brooklyn, whereby the free pursuit of the business in the borough was prevented; that it had agreements with various independent concerns along the Hudson river and elsewhere to prevent their entering the field of competition in production or distribution of other natural or manufactured ice.

The methods alleged to have been pursued by the company include purchase, lease, traffic agreements, control of capital stock and other devices to restrict output of both kinds of ice and limitation of distribution and sale. The court is asked to declare the alleged agreements and arrangements between the American Ice company and other corporations and dealers null and void and against public policy and to prevent continuance of the acts and transactions complained of.

WILL MAKE PLEA FOR HIS SON'S LIFE

Father of Young Dabner Will Appeal to Judge Cook Before Sentence Is Pronounced.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—William Dabner, the aged father of Louis Dabner, the young man found guilty of murder, will make a plea to have his son saved from the gallows when the lad comes up for sentence in Judge Cook's court tomorrow.

The plan of the elder Dabner was made public today, when he called on Captain of Detectives Duke, and asked that he be given a letter to Judge Cook. Dabner said he did not want to take the step contemplated before consulting Captain Duke. The latter said he had no objection to Dabner's making a plea for his son, but that he could not grant the request for a letter to the judge.

TREASURE STEAMER HAD ROUGH VOYAGE

Overdue Vessel Pennsylvania Reached Seattle With Fortune in Gold

Duet from Alaska.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 20.—The overdue steamship Pennsylvania arrived in port late last night. She brought eighty-two passengers, a great quantity of ore and a fortune in gold dust, all of which, with the crew, was in jeopardy during a trip from Valdez that consumed almost eleven days. She was buffeted by storms when making two knots an hour because of defective boilers, and at one time was within a quarter of a mile of rocks. No word of the Pennsylvania was received until she reached port, for the reason that she came down the inside passage, after having made Queen Charlotte Sound.

IN THE PAVED RING

BAITMORE, Md., Dec. 20.—Maurice Savary, of Milwaukee, tonight won a decision over Andy McGarry, at the end of the fifteenth round.

HOUSE ADJOURNED FOR XMAS VACATION

Empty Seats Greeted the Speaker and Little Business Was on the Program.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—After being in session three-quarters of an hour today, the house adjourned until Jan. 3, 1927. Empty desks greeted the speaker when the house convened and the desire to get away for the holidays was superior to the inclination for business.

Representative Mondell of Wyoming succeeded in passing the bill extending the time in which entry men may make final settlement on the Shoshone Indian reservation. Then Representative Payne of New York called on his resolution relating to the distribution of the president's annual message to the several committees, in accordance with a custom that has existed since the foundation of the government. The house passed the resolution and adjourned for the Christmas holidays at 12:43 p. m.

A hundred members waited to extend the season's greetings to Speaker Cannon.

A bill appropriating \$1,200,000 for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition, to be held in Seattle in 1929, was introduced by Representative Humphrey. The expenditures are divided in the estimates as follows: Department of the Interior, \$350,000; department of war, \$150,000; Alaska, \$300,000; Hawaii, \$200,000; Philippine islands, \$100,000.

MORE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEEDED

New York Churchmen Discuss the Problem of Teaching Children in Theology.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Bishop Co-adjuutor Greer of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of New York, President Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia university and others, at a meeting of the Church club last night, advocated greater religious education of children.

President Butler said: "The tendency for a hundred years past has been to secularize the schools."

"You cannot put religion off successfully for thirty or forty minutes on Sunday morning or afternoon in the Sunday school and put in the child's mind religious instruction in the place. It belongs as a part of the whole education of the child."

"If we are going to restore religious training it must be done through the family and the church and not through the public schools."

Bishop Greer said: "I believe earnestly that something must be done, and I am satisfied it must be done soon. Just what it is going to be I do not know. Not much, or enough, in the Sunday school, with its few minutes and great numbers, will be done. The problem is important and the necessity urgent. The problem is to get more religion into the mind and personality of the child."

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WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENCE

(Special Correspondence.)

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IMPROVING MONTEREY BAY

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Graft Detective Proved a Hard Nut to Crack.

He Testified that Restaurant Keeper Who Lied Was Not Believed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—William J. Burns, the detective, who has been gathering the evidence upon which the recent indictments found by the grand jury have been based, was a witness today in the case of Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz and Abraham Ruef, charged with extortion.

In answer to a question the witness stated that for eighteen years he has been employed as a special agent of the interior department.

An attempt was made by Attorney Ach, for the defense, to show that Burns severed his connection with the government at the request of Special Prosecutor Heney, but the evidence was not admitted. The court also sustained the objections of the prosecution to questions concerning whether Burns arrived in San Francisco with Mayor Schmitz and Ruef, whether he had received money from them. He stated, however, that he had received no money from Heney. In answer to further questions he stated he had known Ruef for about three years. He stated he did not know Grand Jurors Gallagher, Dwyer or Young. In fact, he stated, he knew none of the members of the grand jury except in a very casual way.

"I have," said the witness, "passed the time of day with some of them." "Is it not a fact that your sole reason for being in San Francisco is to aid the prosecution in securing indictments?" asked Ach.

The question was objected to and the objection sustained.

Burns stated that he had been introduced to Grand Juror Roussin, but had never discussed with him any of the matters under investigation by the grand jury. He had, he said, talked perhaps three or four times with Foreman Oliver. Nothing was said about Ruef, Nicholas, Duffy, Schmitz or any of the defendants.

"Did you talk about a conspiracy to indict Mr. Ruef or Mayor Schmitz, or about a meeting between Fremont Oliver, Mr. Phelan, Mr. Heney and Mr. Heney?"

"I never spoke to Mr. Phelan in New York in my life," spoke up Heney.

"Well," said Ach, "we'll leave your name out of it."

Burns told of a conversation he had with John Loupe, a restaurant man, at which time he was denied having paid Ruef for police protection.

"I told him," said Burns, "that I did not believe him. I said we knew the facts."

Burns was on the witness stand when court adjourned.

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ESTRAYED.

ESTRAYED—Bay mare, weight 1100; white hind feet, head stall of halter on. Also, light bay mare. Notify Main 2403. J. D. Todd.

ESTRAYED FROM PASTURE—One gray horse, weight 1200, old wire cut on right front foot; also one from shoe gone. Notify L. D. Reburn, R. R. No. 8, Fresno. Phone St. 2211.

ESTRAYED—Old stolen, from Samuelson ranch, while mare, from gray horse, weight about 1050, shod. Notify W. A. Seely, R. R. No. 1, Fresno.

STRAYED—One small black mare branded (square) on left hip. Had halter on. Reward by John Spatch, Sanger.

STRAYED OR STOLEN—From alley between Mariposa and Fresno streets and I and J streets, one bay mare, bold and roached mare, with open-top black buggy. Suitable reward will be paid by F. G. Berry, Grand Central hotel.

LOST—One brown mare, branded J. P. Connected, on left hip. Notify J. F. Warren, Hanford.

FOR SALE—REAL ESTATE

HOUSE FOR SALE—New 3-room modern gas, electric lights, two blocks from Blackstone car line. \$2000, \$400 cash; balance flat loan. 1 am leaving the city. W. S. King, 305 Elm Street.

FOR SALE—40 acres near Hanford, improved to alfalfa and vines, house and barn, \$1850.

40 acres out White's Bridge road, trees and vines, \$7500.

20 acres, northeast of town, all vines, \$5000, \$1500 down.

10 acres, near town, all vines, \$3000, terms.

8 acres on car line, fine house, easy terms.

4-room house, partly finished, house, 2 lots. Blackstone avenue. \$500, \$100 down, balance to suit.

6-room house, 3 lots, Poplar avenue, Mariposa, \$1750, easy terms.

Canterbury land at \$10.

J. H. RAFFERTY, 1945 Tulare St.

FOR SALE—20 acres 3 miles from Fresno, 15 Zinfandel, 20 peaches, 5 alfalfa, 7 unimproved; fine pumping plant; an ideal home site for a country estate, all planted in '06.

20 acres, 4 Muscats, balance Berandina grass pasture, well fenced, splendid buildings, 4 miles from Fresno, \$1000.

G. J. NEV, or KNIGHT AND EWING CO., 1118 J Street.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—Eighty acres in Nevada county, healthy climate; good for turkeys or chickens; Fresno or country property. Address Mrs. J. A. Peck, Colfax, Fresno county, Cal.

LINDSAY ORANGE GROVES—Ten or twenty acres of 3-year-old orange grove, with water right, no damage from frost; also 40 acres unimproved orange land at \$45 per acre, easy terms; 80 acres in East Lindsay, suburban property, leveled and for sale in 10, 20 or 40-acre lots. You can't make a mistake if you buy any of these. Come and see once or telephone Farmer, 617 J. F. Hall, Lindsay, Calif.

3 acres, edge of town, beautiful house, highly improved with good income, \$23,000. Everything complete, including furniture.

5 acres, Church avenue, within 1/4 mile of new car line; berries and fruit, income over \$900; close in, nice house, splendid location; \$2,000; terms.

20-acre solid muscat vineyard, Kutter county, \$3,200; terms.

20 acres, 10 in alfalfa, fenced and cross-fenced, 14 in Thompson seedless, 8 1/2 in peaches, 19 head cows, calves, at all farming implements; large \$14,000; terms.

20-acre solid muscat vineyard 3 miles east, fine producer; \$5,500; no buildings.

20 acres north of Scandinavian winery, young place, all improved; buildings, trunks, boxes, first-class; buy for only \$1,750, well worth \$4,500.

20 acres White Bridge road; 15 1/2 acres in vines 3 years old; buildings, the place; good soil and cheap at \$5,500; terms.

52 acres near Clovis; 3 in alfalfa, 3 years old, 5 in alfalfa, 14 peaches, 4 alfalfa, 5 1/2 unimproved; windmill and tank; this is a bargain; only \$10,000; \$3,000 cash, balance long term.

40 acres White Bridge road; 25 in muscat full-bearing, 2 in alfalfa, 5 in alfalfa, 3 in peaches, 10 in alfalfa, 5-room house, good barn, trunks and boxes; fine place, \$9,000; terms.

40 acres in the Madison district with good buildings, partly improved, close to electric line, vines, trees and alfalfa; \$3,500; terms.

80 acres raw land near Centerville groves, \$50 per acre; half cash.

120 acres left in the Balfour-Guthrie tract, one mile south of Clovis; some of the finest land in the county, \$120 per acre, 1/4 cash, balance on 6 years' time; low interest.

LINDSAY BARGAINS—"Strathmore" lands for oranges and grapes, southeast of Lindsay, best in the district, \$80 and \$90, one acre cash, but 6 years' time; soil, location and abundant water.

H. H. ALEXANDER & CO., 1050 J St.

FOR RENT—140 acres fine land; plenty water; for cash or shares. See J. F. Warren, Hanford.

FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Orange Land in our "LINDSAY ACRES" We guarantee 20 acres will fill one stocking.

THE PERALTA INVESTMENT CO., 1030 "P" St., Fresno.

ORANGE LAND, about 2000 acres, an exceptional opportunity offers for a man of means to buy a fine body of orange land in the foot hills of Porterville and sub-division. Address George Roth, Porterville, Cal.

\$25 REWARD—The Fresno Real Estate Board offers a standing reward of \$25 for the arrest and conviction of any person or persons selling real estate in Fresno City and accepting a commission on sale or sales without having a license to sell real estate issued by the City of Fresno License Collector.

LAND LAND LAND Vineyards, Orchards, Grain and Alfalfa Land

FOR RENT AND FOR SALE—Make yourself independent. You can get better support from the soil than from any other source. Land is cheaper and crops a certainty on our alfalfa irrigated soil. Terms to suit all.

SHEPARD-TEAGUE CO., 1011 J St.

IT doesn't pay to buy poor land; see these before you buy:

40 acres, 2 1/2 miles north of Fresno; 14 acres Muscats, 11 acres Thompson Seedless, 13 acres Smyrna Figs, all 4 years old, no alkali, no hardpan. Price \$7000.

20 acres, 2 1/2 miles south of Fresno, 10 acres full bearing Muscats, 4 acres 2-year-old Muscats, trays and boxes, good income property. Price \$5750.

A. G. Skellom, room 14, 1033 J St., Phone Main 873.

STOP PAYING RENT.

Buy lots and build.

Lots for \$10 and up.

\$10 down. \$1 a week.

See L. W. KLEIN & CO., Room 17, Fiske Bldg.

FOR SALE—100 acres land suitable for vines and crops; partly improved; \$40 per acre. Address J. A. Bacon, Sanger.

FOR SALE OR TRADE for city property, 10 acres nicely improved good land, 3 1/2 miles out, also a 1900 improved 30 acre for \$5500. If you want small place cheap, this is your chance. Inquire of W. A. White, Park Meat Market, 1133 K St.

FOR SALE—REAL ESTATE

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

FOR SALE.

100 acres, 30 in alfalfa, fenced into 3 fields of woven wire fence, 3-roomed house with outbuildings, windmill, large watering trough, 35 turkeys, 200 chickens, 12 cows, 6 hogs; \$50 per acre. Splendid terms. Only a very small cash payment. Absolutely the best vineyard and orchard land in the county.

40 acres near Fresno, partly planted to young trees and vines; two-story house and barn, windmill and tank, chicken house, 10 cows, 4 hogs, 40 chickens, 1 wagon, 2 buggies, single and double harness, mowing machine and vineyard truck, 3 plows, cultivator, rake and harrow; \$1000 worth of hay in the barn. Price \$7000; easy terms.

10 acres well improved 2 miles from town. Must be sold. Price it and take it; easy terms.

20 acres 3 miles from Fresno. The very best of land; no alkali, four-roomed house and barn; 5 acres in 3-year-old vines; splendid growth; 2 acres of alfalfa. This is a snap. Price \$1000; easy terms.

Fine ranch property, pointing Paso Teles to exchange for Fresno property.

Large brick hotel, lease for 3 years; will pay 12 per cent net; very cheap. Fine investment, easy terms.

A. S. BLAIR & CO., 1040 I St., Upstairs.

FOR SALE—20 acres of fine, level, unimproved land, 3 1/2 miles from city limits on Blackstone Ave. Sowed to barley; \$57.50 per acre. Good terms. See owner, 1022 H St.

FOR SALE—A good house with 4 large rooms, 2 lots, in 300 block on I St.; \$250 cash, balance \$20 per month, paid quarterly at 7 per cent interest. Net. This is a great buy.

10 acres adjoining city limits, all in alfalfa vines; 1/2 of same about 3 years old, balance full bearing. Good 6-room house. We offer this place for \$3500; 1-3 cash, balance on good terms. If you want to make an investment look into this offer.

KNIGHT & EWING CO., 1118 J St.

FORTY ACRES—Seven miles out, 18 in muscats, 1/2 in peaches, 9 in alfalfa, 6 1/2 unimproved; 6 cows, 2 horses, wagon, implements, 4-room house; born; \$7,000. Twenty acres in full-bearing vines, good house, \$4,000. Tel. Acrest-rd, 1930 Tulare St.

FOR SALE—31 1/2 acres of level land on Mahoney avenue, northwest of the new Redding Park, first-class water right, ditches and levees, extra ready made, ready for planting, extra good soil, church, water right; 2 cows, one mare and colt, 4 pigs, hay in the barn, and all farm implements go with the place. Price \$4000, \$1500 cash, balance to suit.

20 acres one mile from Fowler; good, deep soil; 5 acres in fine alfalfa, one acre in muscat blackberries, one acre in strawberries. \$3000.

Former vineyard and orchard, 75 fruit trees; now 6-horse gasoline engine with 85-foot well, plant all set and ready for use; small house. This is a snap to anyone wanting such a place. Price \$2200, \$700 cash, balance 4 years. This offer is good for ten days only.

20 acres in Lone Star; 10 acres in 3-year-old muscats, 10 acres unimproved. This land is first-class in every respect; has the finest building site in the country. The vineyard alone is worth the money. Price \$2500; one-half cash, balance to suit.

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30 Acres Improved—To vines and peaches near Sanger in heavy red soil. Plenty of water; \$3500. \$2500 cash.

80 Acres—10 acres in peaches and Muscats. House and barn. 80 acres fenced; \$5000; \$3500 cash, balance in 4 years.

100 acres near Clovis—Finest soil, full water rights; 3 miles from town. All that remains of sale of 320 acres. Will close out at 50 cents per acre. DeWitt H. Gray & Co., Forrester Bldg.

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FOR SALE—Real Estate (Con.)

J. M. HOLLAND CO., 1945 Tulare St.

20 acres Muscats 4 and 5 years old, mile from Scandinavian winery; 5-room house, fine soil, \$2500.

180 acres 7 miles south of Kernan; cross fenced; house, barn, well, tanks; 40 acres alfalfa, 100 acres checked; pair horses, 31 dairy cows, 14 head young stock, farm implements, \$8000, half cash.

20 acres well improved near Olander; 5-room house, 4 cows, 2 horses, bug 2 1/2, household furniture, farm implements, \$4750; full cash.

Good 20 Muscats, Scandinavian Colony. No house, \$5000.

FOR SALE—20 acres all in 5-year-old vines; good soil, house, barn and implements. Price \$5400.

20 acres all in Muscats 5 years old. A fine income property. Price \$5000.

10 acres near Clovis; 18 acres Muscats, 1 acre family orchard, balance in grain. Good house and barn and windmill. Price \$3500.

40 acres close in. All in Muscats. Fine house, barn, windmill and tank. Trays, boxes, implements. Price \$13,000.

5-acre lots on terms to suit.

Five lots adjoining the city. Will sell on good terms. Price \$375 each. CHITCOTTER & HANSEN, 1005 J St.

BARGAINS.

\$2500—20 acres Muscat vines in bearing, 6 miles N.E. of Fresno. (No. 592).

\$3500—40 acres near Clovis, 20 acres in 3-year-old Muscat vines and family orchard, balance unimproved, good 5-room house, windmill and tank, barn, place fenced, terms, 1/2 cash, balance at 8 per cent. (No. 590).

\$600—40-acre apple orchard in the foothills N.E. of Fresno. (No. 585).

\$2750—10 acres improved 1 mile from city limits. 5-room house, barn and implements. This is a snap. (No. 581).

\$800—4-room cottage, 2 lots, chicken house, fruit and shade trees. For immediate addition.

Call on our Application.

SINCE REALTY COMPANY, 1028 Mariposa St., Phone Main 1321.

W. H. SMITH & CO., Real Estate

Vineyard and Alfalfa Lands a Specialty 1142 I Street. Phone Main 103.

20 acres adjoining the town of Clovis, unimproved, good 4-room house, good lot, windmill and tank, all fenced, good deep soil, church, water right; 2 cows, one mare and colt, 4 pigs, hay in the barn, and all farm implements go with the place. Price \$4000, \$1500 cash, balance to suit.

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REAL ESTATE (Continued.)

THE SNAP OF THE SEASON.

\$2200 will buy 20 acres of first-class soil, improved to 5 acres Muscats, 5 acres Thompson's Seedless 3 years old, 2 miles from Clovis; no hardpan or alkali; terms.

\$25,000 for 100 acres vineyard east of Fresno. House, barn, trays and other personal property valued at \$5000. Terms, \$10,000 cash, balance long time. For particulars, call quick at PEALSON'S EXCHANGE, next to P. O.

FOR SALE—100 acres alfalfa, good improvements. Address P. O. Box 1163, Fresno.

10 acres on Ventura avenue; 5 a. Muscat vines, 4 a. w. grapes, 1 a. peaches, 4 a. alfalfa; good house and barn. First class water right; 16,000 trays, 300 ax boxes, 40 picking boxes, 4 mules and harness, 2 wagons, 3 plows, 2 cultivators. Price \$22,000; half cash.

OIL LAND IN COURT

E. J. Boust Sues M. L. Woy for
\$15,000.

Complicated Deal Results in
Mutual Charges of Bad
Faith.

An old-time oil land deal between M. L. Woy, the well-known real estate dealer of this city and formerly marshal of this city, and E. J. Boust, who was formerly deputy United States marshal for the northern district of the Southern California district, has resulted in a tangle that yesterday got into the Superior court. Boust, who does business in the name of his wife, Mrs. Olive H. Boust, brought suit against Woy for \$15,000, claiming that amount of damages because of alleged mishandling of oil land.

Boust's Complaint.

The complaint, which is a very lengthy document, sets forth the fact that in 1922, four years ago, Mrs. Olive H. Boust, the wife of the plaintiff, was the owner of stretches of land in Kern county valued for the production of oil. It is charged that at that time Mr. Woy was the accredited agent of the Midway Oil company, but represented to Mrs. Boust that he had independent interests and was going in with the company on certain enterprises that would be very profitable. The relations between Woy and the Bousts are alleged to have been particularly intimate and confidential, and that the couple placed entire confidence in their friend's business judgment and integrity, he acting as Mrs. Boust's attorney-in-fact.

From the complaint, the following summary of the facts set forth in made: In December of 1922, Mrs. Boust sold her land, amounting to 2040 acres, to the Midway company, receiving therefor \$30,000. At the same time, Woy, represented to them that he had a deal on with the company, and that the company, imagining that he was a wealthy man, expected him to put a certain amount of money into the business. For this reason he wanted to borrow \$15,000 from Mrs. Boust, and to show that he had security, offered a lot of oil land of his own that he had in the same district. He objected, however, to hypothecating the land to secure the debt, saying that this would reduce his credit with the Midway company, and instead gave Mrs. Boust a statement purporting to give her the proceeds of the land in question and the profits from any of the sales.

This document, it is now claimed, was valueless, as security for the debt. The land in the course of time passed out of Woy's hands. Some reverted to the government and some is now in the possession of the Midway company, leaving Mrs. Boust without security for her \$15,000. This sum is now being sued for, together with interest and costs. Mrs. Boust's claim has been transferred to her husband.

No Misrepresentation, Says Woy.

"I heard that Boust had been threatening suit," said Mr. Woy last evening, "though I have not been served with the papers. All the facts in this case are perfectly open as they have been to Mr. Boust, and I have no fear but that the trial of the case will show that my actions have been perfectly just and above board."

"Mr. Boust has at the present time all the rights in this land that he has ever had, and as much as I have, as we were equal partners. The fact is that about six years ago he and I each acquired half interest in about 2000 acres of Kern oil land, which was, you will understand, merely mineral location, not patented land. We had an agreement that neither should sell without the consent of the other. Finally, in

1922, Boust wanted to sell and rather than have him sell independently, I said that I would, as agent, sell half of the entire holding, each of us to get half the money and each to retain half of what was left. I sold for \$30,000, of which he took half. As he could not hold property in his own name, I kept the remainder of the property in mine, and to secure him, or rather his wife, for she was nominally the one that I was dealing with, gave her the agreement that he specifies in his complaint.

"The sale of our half interest to Charles Ladd of Portland gave the latter about two-thirds of the land in this particular field, and left me with one-third of certain of the same. All of the land was leased to the Midway company, in which Mr. Ladd is a principal stockholder. The company was doing the assessment work required by the government. It was found that a considerable portion of the land could not be patented, as no oil was found upon it, and the company got tired doing assessment work without securing any results. It notified all the various owners, from whom it leased the land, that it would no longer do assessment work of certain of the same, and if we wanted to keep them up, we would have to do so ourselves. I was so notified, and so informed Boust."

"I had a talk with him in my office and suggested that we had better let the land go and get patents to the rest, and to this he agreed. As Mr. Ladd had two-thirds interest and I only one, I transferred the land I held in my own name to him, taking from him an agreement that when he had secured patents, he would convey to me my share. I did this with full knowledge and consent of Boust, and the land is now patented. Our share of the patented land would be about 200 acres, of which he is entitled to half, or 100."

"Boust has never made any demand upon me for this money, for he knew it was not due him. In fact, I knew that he had been negotiating with other parties for the sale of some of this land that I have in trust for him. But he has been talking around that I owed him the money. I understand that

HIS DRIVING DAYS ARE O'ER

Call of the Turf Rings in Zibbell's Ears.

Injured Reinsman Would Rather
Drive Than Do Anything
Else in the World.

To drive, to drive, my kingdom to drive a horse!

That is Willard R. Zibbell's version of Richard's famous exclamation. "I'd rather drive a horse than do anything else in the world," said Zibbell, the man who had just made the Zibbell name famous for a second generation on the turf, and who is now in Fresno pressing his damage suit against the Southern Pacific company for \$102,082.25 damages for the shocking injuries that he received at the Tulare-street crossing in July, 1925.

To casually meet Zibbell one would not think he was a badly injured man. He walks without crutch or even cane, but he cannot walk far, for his right leg is cut off at the thigh and he has an artificial limb. His left foot was badly crushed and while it has healed, he cannot walk any distance with it. His left arm is gone, and when he advances his right hand he will base his action principally upon the fact that part of this land reverted to the government. When it is clearly understood that all of us lost alike in this way, because some of the land was not mineral bearing, it will be seen that there is nothing in this point. I have no fear as to the outcome of the suit."

Hot Water Bottles Guaranteed. Right prices. Buker & Colson.

to shake hands, you grasp an artificial hand.

Fresno is particularly interested in Zibbell, as for days he lay at the Burnett sanitarium, hovering between life and death. Three weeks after his shocking injury he was wedded in Oakland to the young lady to whom he was engaged. She felt that more than ever he needed the tender ministrations of a loving helpmeet. They were married in an automobile and Zibbell's injuries were largely disguised.

"Yes, the call of the turf keeps ringing in my ears," said Zibbell. "A man who has never sat behind a great trotter and guided him to victory, feeling in the reins his every throb, being in instant telegraphic touch with him, encouraging him on or steadying him down—the excitement of coming in first under the wire, amid the shouts of the grandstand and the bleachers, and with the other fellows whipping and slashing behind you—nobody knows how it gets into the blood. But—and Zibbell's face falls and a sadness comes over it—"my driving days are over."

"My father," he went on, "was a driver before me. I inherit my love for horses and the turf. My earliest recollections almost, are those of the track, with its excitements and its allurements."

"When I came to Fresno for the Pacific Coast Trotting Horse Breeders' association meet in 1925, I had a great horse that I had acquired—Adm. C. with a record of 2:11 1/4. I had expected to pilot him to victory in Fresno, when I met with the terrible accident that has left me without hands or feet."

"Speaking of his life since the accident Zibbell said as soon as he was able, he and his faithful young wife went to Los Angeles, where they have since lived. He has been working a little in a sign company's shop, the proprietor being a friend of his. He is able to do light work and he is glad to have something to occupy his mind."

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NEW EQUIPMENT FOR POLICE

City Officers Will Be Furnished
With Clubs and Leather
Belts.

The twelve policemen of this city are soon to be equipped with solid rosewood clubs and new patent leather belts. The clubs and belts have been ordered from Chicago by Mayor Lyon, and are expected to arrive here in a short time. The clubs will be of the latest pattern, and will be of great assistance to the officers in carrying out their duties of quelling disturbances and upholding the dignity of the law. The belts will be of patent leather, and will present an attractive

appearance on the persons of the officers.

Fresno's police have long been regarded as efficient officers, and Chief Shaw thinks that the providing of the new equipment for the men will be a step toward increasing that efficiency.

Coal for Grand Forks.—The Great Northern road is making up a train of eighty cars loaded with coal to supply immediate wants in Grand Forks, N. D. The train will be run on passenger time.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The members of the Pacific coast states' delegation who are going to the Isthmus of Panama to investigate labor conditions left Washington today and will sail for there tomorrow.

Win

You will win if you look into our windows. Watch them for Specials for Christmas. This is the time of year we are willing to make it a little easier for the overburdened giver. We know all about it, so we have a fellow feeling.

Dows

Wormiser Furniture Co.

Diamonds For Christmas.

Beautiful sparkling gems in Fresno's greatest assortment—and all at the old prices that prevailed before the recent advance.

If you're thinking of giving diamonds, see us.

Oberlin's

1119 J Street, Fluke Block.

REDLICK'S | Store Closed Evenings at 6 p. m. Except Saturday and Christmas Eve.

| Shop By Daylight.

| Help the Clerks.

| Shop Mornings Now.

| REDLICK'S

Redlick's



Roller Skates Free

We are still giving a pair of steel sidewalk roller skates free with every \$10 purchase in boys' wearing apparel.

The skates are strongly built and will give good satisfaction.

Boys' Suits \$3.50.
We are showing some excellent values at this price. Good all wool suits; double breasted coats; knee trousers; ages 8 to 16 years; good serviceable colors; silk sewed; well made.

\$1 Hosiery, Pair 50¢.

Today we place on sale some very handsome silk gauze hosiery; hand embroidered, double soles, heels and toes; Louis Hermsdorf dyed; guaranteed fast color; five beautiful designs to choose from; assorted colors, white, pink, blue or red.

Box for \$3; pair, 50¢.

Wrist Bag Sale.

There are 1000 hand and wrist bags in this offering. All kinds and descriptions and the prices are extremely low. They will make very acceptable gifts.

\$1 Hand Bags 75¢

\$1.50 Hand Bags \$1

\$1.75 Hand Bags \$1.25

\$2 Hand Bags \$1.50

\$2.50 Leather lined Hand Bags \$1.75

\$3 Leather lined Hand Bags \$2

\$5 Leather lined Hand Bags \$4

Toilet Soaps.

Jergens' famous toilet soaps are again on sale. There are 8 cakes worth 10¢ each in a box. Perfumed and in various odors. We give you the 80¢ worth of soap today for 25¢.

Silk Shawls, \$2.47.

Made of all silk thread in the prettiest effects ever shown, 6 different patterns to select from; black or white; a regular \$3.50 shawl. December sale price, \$2.47.

Handkerchiefs at 25¢.

The finest St. Gall Swiss Handkerchiefs will be placed on sale until closed out. Over 1000 dozen at less than half price in the lot. Every one perfect in every way; plain and scalloped borders; embroidered and lace trimmed. Never have there been such values shown for so little money. 50¢, 75¢ and \$1.00 Handkerchiefs; choice 25¢ each.

20c Hosiery, 12 1/2¢.

Children's fine 1x1 rib, fast black cotton hosiery; made of fine Sea Island cotton; extra long and elastic; made with a reinforced double heel and double linen knee; regular price 20¢ pair. December sale price, 12 1/2¢.

Women's Hosiery, 12 1/2¢.

Women's fine black hosiery, made of extra strong mako cotton; guaranteed fast black; has double heel and toe; extra long and very elastic; hemmed garter top; regular 20¢ value. December sale price, 12 1/2¢.

20 Suits Left to be Closed Out at Close to Half Price



Black Broadcloth Coats, \$14.85.

A very stylish winter coat in the most popular of all coat materials. A good broadcloth like this will give years of service. Made with circular backs, velvet collar and cuffs; full satin lined, trimmed with silk braid. The coat is 50 inches long. Others of light weight all wool chiffon, broadcloth; lined full length with Skinner's satin. Made collarless, trim-

med at the neck with velvet and silk braid; stitched and piped; turn back cuffs to match. A 50 inch coat. Very specially priced at \$14.85.

We started the selling with 180 suits and they went like the proverbial hot cakes.

We took stock yesterday and we found some 20 suits left. They are all in excellent colors and styles and in the medium sizes.

They are suits that can not be duplicated in the town at double our selling price. The man who made them never intended them to be sold at such reduced figures. We got them at the end of his season's business, when he did not care for profit and wanted a clean up. We have had the pleasure of giving our customers the benefit of our fortunate purchasing.

The twenty women who get a suit from this lot will recall the purchase with pleasure, long after the suits have been discarded.

Among the sale suits are Etons, Pony Jackets, Three-quarter coat suits, Prince Chaps and Chesterfields.

The materials are in serges, broadcloths, fancy chevots and panamas; in plain or fancy colors; in shadow plaids and checks; in every desirable or wanted idea.

\$50 Velvet Suits Now \$29.50

\$17.50, \$20 Suits Now \$9.85

\$30 and \$35 Suits Now \$16.85

\$40 and \$45 Suits Now \$19.85

Not all rain coats are strictly water proof like these—Priestly Cravenette; and there is no better material made. These coats are 54 inches long; they may be had in either the fitted or loose box styles; colors tan, olive or oxford; the very best of shades. They are not alone useful in wet weather, but they may be used for driving, automobiling or for evening wear, when going to a theater or dance, or for street use in wintry or dusty days.

\$22.50 Raincoats, \$14.85.

Rainy weather isn't very far away—and the possession of one of these stylish waterproof coats will mean plenty of comfort and satisfaction all winter. These are all guaranteed shower proof coats.

Santa Claus will be here from 10 to 11 a. m. and from 4 to 5 p. m. He will have a present for each Child who comes with an adult



Closing Out Sale of Toys

We are going out of the toy business—giving up the department for lack of room. There are thousands of dollars worth of toys here that are being sold from 10 to 50 per cent underprice.

You get nearly double the quantity of toys for your money in this store than you can anywhere else.

We haven't waited until after the holidays to offer you exceptional bargains. We give them to you now—when they will be most appreciated.

In our toy department you will find all the popular features, all the old time favorites and many new things.

There are hundreds of dolls, dressed and undressed, that are being sold at a small part of their real worth. Some dolls worth up to \$2.75 are going at 98¢.

We are fully determined not to have a doll left between now and Christmas eve at closing time.

We don't want to enumerate the bargains you will find in our toy department. We want you to understand clearly that it is a genuine closing out sale of all the toys in this big department and that you will save very close to half price if you take advantage of it.



THE BIG EVENT \$11.95 For a Fine Suit or Overcoat

Today, tomorrow and Monday the clothing section will sell the finest suits at \$11.95 that have ever been shown in Fresno.

It's the climax of a prosperous season. We have almost trebled the volume of the clothing business of this store, and we have done it by giving by far the best values in Fresno.

These \$11.95 suits are models of fine workmanship. Every suit is hand tailored, hand padded collar, hand stitched; wide lapels; inter lined coats; no breaking or sagging after wear.

The materials are in the fine, hard twisted worsteds—blue serges, fancy chevots, single or double breasted coats, with or without vents in the back.

We will personally guarantee the fit of every suit or overcoat. Our own tailors will make any needed alterations free of charge.

The Overcoats at \$11.95

You may choose from fine rain coats in the good cravenette materials. You may select a good melton or kersey coat in the boulevard box or long style. You may choose a splendid fancy chevot in a wide vane of herringbone effect. You will get a remarkably good overcoat value. And you will have not less than \$5 and in some instances more.

10 to 20 Per Cent Discount Now On Smoking Jackets and Bath Robes

If you purchase a smoking jacket or bath robe between now and Christmas eve, you will receive the benefit of a reduction in price of ten to twenty per cent.

We do this to make every one seeking for a good smoking jacket or bath robe, come to this store. We have a splendid collection to show and our original prices are by far the lowest in Fresno. Prices here are from \$3 to \$10 with a discount now of ten to twenty per cent.

Dress Goods Doings

45 inch Storm Serge, in wine color; popular for sailor suits and jacket suits. A good \$1.25 value. On sale today, yard

..... 98¢

46 inch Henriettas; elegant lustre; fine smooth surface and popular cloth for the more dressy suitings; in colors—wine, brown, dark red, navy, cream and black. Worth \$1.39. On sale today \$1.25

27 inch Challies; silk stripe mixture; prettily figured and suitable for either waisting or suiting purposes. 65¢ seller. At 48¢

Remnants—Remnants.

The season's ends. Now is the time to select a good suit or skirt pattern at a moderate price. Good values and lengths. Look these over. Ends for skirts, ends for suits and excellent pieces for children's coating.

\$5 Millinery

\$2.48

Less than half price and for the prettiest kind of millinery. Handsome felt shapes in white or colors; trimmed in silk drapes and rosettes of silk; caught in the center with ornaments and fancy coque feathers.

Made Velvet Hats, \$1.98.

Large shapes of good velvet; untrimmed; draped with velvet facings; high crown; fitted tops; colors brown and navy.

Good Linen Sales Friday, Saturday, Monday

First in importance are 24

fine, hemstitched German linen

mask; satin finish; every

table cloths with one dozen

napkins to match each cloth.

They are splendid linens; next three days \$1.15

high satin finish and very durable. Some are 63x66 inches, with one dozen napkins to match for \$6.48

Others hemstitched; size 63

x84 inches, with one dozen

napkins to match. for \$7.19

72 inch bleached table da-

ses; satin finish; every

thread pure linen. Sells regu-

larly at \$1.35 a yard. For the

next three days \$1.15

\$3.50 Spreads, \$2.50.

Satin pique bed spreads;

heavy triple cotton yarn; ex-

tra large size. A very fine

quality and one that will give

long service.

Silk Handkerchiefs.

Many to choose from in this

best of men's store. Pure silk

handkerchiefs in plain white

with initials. Good ones at

25¢. Large size for 50¢.

Suit Cases.

By the dozens here. They

may be had in the very finest

of cow hide or in the medium

priced leathers. We have them

lined with satin or lined with

leather. Come and choose and

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Gold Rings

For Christmas gifts for children,

men or women. Every ring sold